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Practice Overview

Philip is a barrister for everyone. From opposing silks in finance proceedings and High Court work all the way down to his 20 years volunteering at a law clinic in Waterloo, he will be wherever there is challenge. His practice leans toward care proceedings for children and that, combined with his initial practice in crime means he has singularly acute witness-handling skills and a particular ability to identify the essence of a complicated case. He works extensively with people with cognitive limitations and is in demand by solicitors for clients facing particular challenges.

Those skills are invaluable in other cases: private law disputes, international law and money proceedings often cry out for robust, well-informed advice; polite but firm negotiations and the ability to take the gloves off if all of that fails. Philip can be relied upon for all three.

He rarely appeals -preferring to get things right first time or to find less expensive, more efficient solutions for clients -but has scored some notable successes on appeal.

Philip combines easy manners with confidence, written and oral eloquence and if necessary pugnacity to achieve the right result for his client.

Reported Cases

Re B (Children)(Remote Hearing: Interim Care Order) [2020] EWCA Civ 584

SF v HL [2015] EWHC 2891 (Fam)

Re B [2012] EWHC 2295 (Fam)

Re S [2012] EWCA Civ 1031

Perera v Dhanak, Grunwick v Perera [2011]

Chancery case involving alleged theft and unlawful retention of loaned monies

M v F, H & BA [2011] EWCA Civ 273, [2011] 2 FLR 123

Guidance given on the circumstances in which the existence of a child can be concealed from a married father

Al-Saedy v Musawi [2010] EWHC 3293 (Fam) [2011] 2FLR 287

Application of the presumption of marriage to a couple living together under an Islamic "religious agreement"

Ben Hashem v Shayif & ors [2009] EWHC 3462

Financial Provision

Re MR (a child) [2012] EWHC 4258 (Fam)

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Degree/University

Housing Studies (University of Sheffield)

Memberships



Family Law Bar Association

Areas of Practice

Domestic Violence
Family Finance
International Family Law
Public Children Law
Private Children Law
Private FDR

Outside Interests

Runs, rides, eats, watches, reads, drives, skis and laughs. A lot.