

Saiful Islam

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Practice Overview

"I have had the absolute pleasure of being represented by Mr Saiful Islam. I found him to be extremely well-prepared, courteous, and extremely knowledgeable. Mr Islam presents a real calmness and is methodical in his approach in court. I could not recommend him enough for the outstanding work he done on my case despite reasonably short notice. He left no stone unturned with his prep and was confident and direct when he was presenting the facts and challenging those put on the stand. I can't thank him enough for what he has done for me and Mr Islam would be at the top of my list for anyone who requires a Barrister to help them with whatever case they may have." -LinkedIn recommendation from a client [2024]

"Saiful is a diligent, tenacious, thoughtful and competent advocate. He cares very well for his lay clients. He is pleasant to deal with and completely straightforward with his opponents, always remaining courteous and professional while putting his clients' case. He is trustworthy and a safe pair of hands; highly recommended." -LinkedIn recommendation from Anne Boustred, Senior Lawyer at Luton Borough Council [2016]

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Saiful specialises in all areas of family law including but not limited to:

Divorce, Nullity and Judicial Separation; Financial Remedy; Private Law Children; Public Law Children; International Child Abduction; and Forced Marriage, Domestic Abuse, and Injunctions.

Formerly a solicitor advocate, Saiful was called to the Bar in 2005 and thus his experience as a solicitor coupled with his many years of experience at the Bar means that he has a good understanding of the needs of his clients, both professional and lay. Historically for many years Saiful has had a wide-ranging mixed practice of civil and family law which coupled with his latest CIPP/E accreditation by the International Association of Privacy Professionals [IAPP] makes him a well-rounded advocate.

Saiful is a high-achiever and is always determined to be the best. He is a robust, analytical and highly tenacious advocate. He has been described by clients as 'friendly' and 'down to earth', by opponents as 'a terrier' and by judges as 'thorough' and 'extremely skilful.'

Saiful is accredited to receive instructions direct from the public.

Some Notable and/or Reported Cases

MSZ v RMA v MZ [Re MZ] [2022] EWHC

Successful representation of the Applicant father in post-Brexit international child abduction -Non-Hague - Wrongful Removal -Return Order

MZ v RZ [2021] EWHC 2940 [Fam]

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Wrongful Removal -Jurisdiction -Habitual Residence

A v SM & anor [2012] EWHC 435 [Fam]

Representation of parents in Forced Marriage case which included consideration of applications for forced marriage protection orders under Part 4A of the Family Law Act 1996

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Degree/University

LLB Honours -University of Hertfordshire

Scholarships/Awards/Prizes

Certified by the IAPP as an Information Privacy Professional in Europe [CIPP/E]

Areas of Practice

Domestic Violence

Family Finance

Public Children Law

Private Children Law

Languages

Bengali -Sylheti dialect (fluent) and Arabic [basic]

Outside Interests

Cycling, martial arts [Wing Chun], cooking and reading.