



## **Shabinah Ladha**

**BA (Hons) Law, Development Studies and Arabic,  
SOAS, University of London. LLB (Hons)**

**Call 2011**



Shabinah is an experienced advocate and litigator known for her straight-talking no-nonsense approach as well as being approachable to both lay and professional clients. She is committed to delivering excellent service to every client by supplying prompt, pragmatic paperwork as well as providing fearless advocacy. She has experience of successfully navigating away from court action with the use of her negotiation skills. However, where cases result to trial, her clients are well prepared as she adopts a commercial and economic approach to costs.

She takes an active interest in legal issues that pertain to ethnic minorities and the Law including religious marriage (abuse of *nikah*), religious divorce (*Get, Talaq, Khul, Mubaraat*), *mahr*, polygamy (non-recognition of polygamous wives), honour based violence and legal pluralism.

### **Practice Groups**

Immigration & Human Rights, Crime, Family, Civil.

### **Immigration and Human Rights**

Shabinah has experience in dealing with the following:

- Entry Clearance applications/appeals
- Human Rights applications/appeals
- Applications for indefinite leave to remain
- Cases concerning EEA nationals and/or the family members of EEA nationals
- Asylum Appeals
- Deportation hearings
- Bail hearings

### **Crime**

Shabinah has experience of the youth court, questioning vulnerable witnesses through an intermediary, probation breaches and experience of criminal defence work including:

- Bail Applications
- Case Management Hearings

- Trials
- Road Traffic Offences (Exceptional hardship and special reasons arguments)
- Sentence Hearings
- Plea and Mitigation

### **Family Law**

She has experience of representing applicants and respondents at all stages, from FHDRA, interim contested hearings, finding of fact hearings and final hearings under the Children Act 1987 and applications under the Family Law Act 1996 including:

- Child Arrangement Order
- Prohibited Steps Order
- Specific Issue Orders
- Non-Molestation Order
- Occupation Order

### **Consumer Credit**

Shabinah has acted for both Claimants and established High Street banks and finance providers at trial and interim hearings in unfair relationship claims (in particular s140A CCA 1974) and has achieved consistently positive results when acting for finance providers in having claims dismissed under the Limitation Act 1980 and arguing compromise and estoppel.

### **Personal Injury**

Shabinah represents both Claimants and Defendants in small claims, fast-track trials and interim applications and provide written advice and representation across a wide variety of personal injury matters including:

- Road traffic accidents including credit hire claims
- Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL)
- Stage 3 Hearings
- Occupiers Liability
- Public Liability Claims

## **General Civil**

Shabinah is a well-rounded advocate with experience in dealing with other general civil matters including:

- Contractual Disputes
- Lease Interpretations
- Commercial Forfeiture
- Landlord and Tenant including possession hearings
- Licensing
- Debt Recovery
- Return of Goods
- Insolvency
- Winding up Petitions
- Bankruptcy
- Statutory Demands

## **Membership of Professional Organisations**

The Honorable Society of Middle Temple

Personal Injury Bar Association

Family Law Bar Association

Immigration Law Practitioners' Association

## **Languages**

Gujarati, Kutchi, Arabic

## **Direct Access Accredited**

## **Interests**

Outdoor swimming, trail running, foreign film, craft beer

School Governor (behavior management and careers lead)

Exclusion Panels & Complaint Panels-The Mead Educational Trust Schools

## **Articles**

Ramadan and Adjustments to the Court Process (April 2022)

Withholding Religious Divorce Recognised As Abuse -The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (April 2022)

Hair Discrimination Should Not Be Brushed Aside (March 2022)

Dear Sirs, Happy International Women's Day (March 2022)

Love, 'Honour', Layla and Majnun (February 2022)

*Niqab, Burka* and Giving Evidence in Court (February 2022)

Britain's 'Other' Citizens From East Africa (2007)

The Consequences of the 1968 Commonwealth Immigration Act on British Protected Persons and British Overseas Passport Holders (2006)