

### **SRISHTI SURESH**

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#### **OVERVIEW**

"Very capable and knowledgeable barrister" Srishti is developing a practice in all areas of family law. She has experience with public and private children matters, and accepts instructions on financial remedy proceedings, and applications under the Family Law Act 1996. Srishti takes a pragmatic approach to her cases. She provides compassionate, considered, and realistic advice to her clients. She is often called upon to represent extremely vulnerable clients and will defend their positions with equal measures of sensitivity and determination.

# **PRACTICE AREAS**

Children Public Children Private Family Finance Human Rights International

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Srishti studied Law at the University of Oxford and completed the Bar Professional Training Course with an advocacy scholarship at BPP Law School. Her academic background focused on cases concerning complex cultural considerations and gender-based violence. She won the award for the best dissertation in her cohort at SOAS (the School of Oriental and African Studies), where she studied an LL.M in Law and Gender. Her work on the use of race and gender in the welfare analysis of radicalisation cases was published as a tripartite article in Family Law. She has worked on campaigns against FGM and forced marriage and has a thorough and sensitive understanding of the background to cases that feature honour-based violence.

Srishti is frequently instructed in cases concerning serious allegations of domestic violence, having co-authored a practitioners' analysis of the government's "Assessing risk of harm to children and parents in private law children cases" panel report (with Hannah Gomersall). This article has been referenced in the White Paper Conferences on private children law.

Outside her practice, Srishti is dedicated to equality and diversity at the Bar. She is a member of the founding committee of Bridging the Bar, which has partnered with over 70 chambers to offer work experience schemes to underrepresented students. She sits on the executive committee of Themis, the Intersectional Women Barristers' Alliance, and mentors with the BSB's Reverse Mentoring Scheme. She will also sit on the panel for the FLBA's newly launched scholarship.

Srishti is fluent in Tamil, professionally proficient in French, and conversational in Hindi. In her spare time, she is a trained dancer and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

#### **TESTIMONIALS**

"Chambers have a very capable and knowledgeable barrister in Ms Suresh [...] I am sure she will go very far in her career." District Judge

"Srishti is incredibly thorough and well-prepared in her work. She brings a real energy and determination to each individual case. She is a clear and coherent advocate who instils confidence in the client and really gets her point across in the courtroom. Srishti is always approachable and a pleasure to work with." professional client via Betteridges

"Srishti Suresh [...] absolutely outstanding. She was fully prepared and made me feel at ease and comfortable as soon as I greeted her. She was professional and extremely knowledgeable. I would definitely recommend her." lay client

"You have a real diamond in this young woman." professional client

"Srishti is excellent. She couldn't have put the case better. I'm really impressed with her and I'm looking forward to working with Srishti on other cases. She has a very bright future." professional client

# **PUBLICATIONS**

The welfare assessment in radicalisation cases under the Children Act 1989: to what extent do race and gender influence judicial intervention in the family home? Part I [2020] Fam Law 605

The welfare assessment in radicalisation cases under the Children Act 1989: to what extent do race and gender influence judicial intervention in the family home? Part II [2020] Fam Law 730

The welfare assessment in radicalisation cases under the Children Act 1989: to what extent do race and gender influence judicial intervention in the family home? Part III [2020] Fam Law 899

A "major overhaul" of family courts to protect domestic abuse victims... or a re-branding exercise? ((co-author Hannah Gomersall) (Family Law Week, 6 July 2020)

# **AWARDS**

BPP Law School, Advocacy Scholarship Royal Society of Arts, Fellowship

#### **EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

BA (Jurisprudence) – University of Oxford

LL.M Legal Practice (Distinction), BPTC (Very Competent) – BPP Law School

LL.M Law and Gender – SOAS University of London

Fellow, Royal Society of Arts

Family Law Bar Association

Liberty

## **LANGUAGES**

French Tamil Hindi