



GARDEN COURT CHAMBERS

# Malek Wan Daud

YEAR OF CALL: 1991



Malek Wan Daud specialises in the law relating to children representing all parties in care proceedings, deprivation of liberty, secure accommodation, adoption (both domestic and international), forced marriage and FGM.

"Malek is an approachable and intelligent advocate. He is a measured advocate who is easily able to discern his strongest points and advance them with skill and tact."

LEGAL 500, 2024 (FAMILY)

"He's always reasonable and able to see the strengths and defects in his case."

CHAMBERS UK, 2024 (FAMILY: CHILDREN)

"He's got very good common sense - he knows where he's going with a case and doesn't go down blind avenues."

CHAMBERS UK, 2024 (FAMILY: CHILDREN)

"A good advocate who constructs his arguments well, he's very articulate and convincing. He never makes a bad point or misses a good one, and he's devastating in cross-examination."

CHAMBERS UK, 2023 (FAMILY: CHILDREN)

"He is amazingly analytical and gets straight to the heart of matters."

CHAMBERS UK, 2022 (FAMILY: CHILDREN)

"A no-nonsense, tough advocate who has a calm manner but is devastating in cross-examination."

CHAMBERS UK, 2021 (FAMILY: CHILDREN)

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## FAMILY LAW: CHILDREN'S LAW

Malek specialises in the law relating to children, in particular representing all parties in care proceedings, deprivation of liberty, secure accommodation, adoption (both domestic and international), forced marriage and FGM. He also represents r16.4 Guardians in private law cases. A large proportion of his work is appellate work.

Malek regularly represents parties in cases involving serious non-accidental injuries, sex abuse, physical abuse, as well as neglect. He has a particular interest in representing families (parents and children) that are overrepresented in the care system such as ethnic minority families, travelling families, those with disabilities

and those with uncertain immigration status.

Over the years, Malek has developed a practice of representing children who have separated from their Children's Guardians and other very troubled young people, including teenage mums. His skills lay in very thorough preparation and a forensic, analytical approach to complex facts, evidence and the relevant law. This enables him to carefully weigh the need for experts in cases and to identify the need of particular expertise required for both fact-finding and the welfare planning for children's long-term future.

Malek prides himself in managing the fine balance between empathising with vulnerable clients and maintaining a professional distance, enabling him to be dispassionate and thorough, without tragic circumstances clouding his focus on the principal matters of the case.

He is approachable and friendly, putting nervous clients at ease. Malek's easy-going nature, however, does not compromise his ability to provide realistic and straightforward, yet robust and practical, legal advice.

It is imperative, in his view, to maintain compassion for the humanity of individuals involved in cases that come before the Courts without losing sight of the need to cross-examine and forensically test the evidence.

Malek is eligible to take work from members of the public on a Public Access basis.

## **BACKGROUND**

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Malek was appointed as the barrister member of the Family Justice Council (FJC) 2011- 2020. He remains committed to the work of the FJC namely to promote an inter-disciplinary approach to family justice and to improve the efficacy of the system.

Malek was shortlisted for Junior Barrister of the Year at the Family Law Awards 2015.

He was the Secretary of the Family Law Bar Association for a number of years.

Malek is a Bencher of the Inner Temple.

## **TRAINING AND SEMINARS**

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Malek has provided training to professionals involved in child care litigation including solicitors, social workers and Guardians.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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Family Law Bar Association  
Association of Lawyers for Children

## LANGUAGES

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Malay (fluent written and spoken)

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