

## Mani Singh Basi

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### **Experience**

Year of Call: 2014

### **Practice Areas**

- Court of Protection - Vulnerable Adult
- Direct Access
- Inquests and Inquiries
- International Children Law
- Private Children Law
- Public Children Law

### **Direct Access**

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# PRO BONO RECOGNITION LIST

ENGLAND & WALES

## Qualifications

Law LLB: First Class Honours

Joint LLM (Employment Law and Sports Law): First Class Distinction

BPTC: Very Competent

## Languages

Conversational Punjabi and Hindi

## Appointments

Ethics Committee of the Bar Council of England and Wales [2024 - present]

Managing Editor of Family Law Week [2024 - present]

Family Law Reviewer for Advocate [2024 - present]

Advocacy Trainer for Sikhs in Law [2024 - present]

Child Abduction Lawyers Association Committee Member [2022 - present]

Elected Member on the Family Law Bar Association Committee [2019 - 2022]

## Profile

Mani is an award winning barrister described as a 'positive force in family law'. He is the winner of the Legal Personality of the Year 2024 award (LexisNexis) and the Family Law Junior Barrister of the Year 2023 award at the LexisNexis Family Law Awards. He works nearly exclusively in the High Court and Court of Appeal. Mani has a broad practice covering all areas of family law with a particular focus on disputes relating to children. He has been involved in a significant number of authorities which appear at the bottom of this profile.

## Published cases:

Mani has appeared in a number of published cases such as:

Court of Appeal Cases:

- C (A Child) (Change of Given Name) [2024] EWCA Civ 1582
- R (Child Abduction: Parent's Refusal to Accompany) (Rev1) [2024] EWCA Civ 1296
- C v M (A Child) (Abduction: Representation of Child Party) [2023] EWCA Civ 1449
- Re T (Abduction: Protective Measures: Agreement to return) [2023] EWCA Civ 1415
- Allami v Fakher (Court of Appeal) [2023] EWCA 532
- Re H (A Child) (Recusal) [2023] 4 WLR 64

High Court Cases:

- [Person D v Person E \[2024\] EWHC 2626](#)
- [Samira Addou v Sidali Bennabi \[2024\] EWHC 2703 \(Committal: Sentencing\)](#)
- [Samira Addou v Sidali Bennabi \[2024\] EWHC 2702 \(Committal\)](#)
- [SD v MM \[2024\] EWHC 2593 \(Fam\)](#)
- [Omay Ali Elhag Elkndo v Elnoaman Gassam Elsyed \(Committal: Sentence\) \[2024\] EWHC 2230 \(Fam\)](#)
- [Re A and R \(1980 Hague Convention: Return to Australia\) \[2024\] EWHC 2190](#)
- [Omay Ali Elhag Elkndo v Elnoaman Gassam Elsyed & Ors \(Committal: Findings\) \[2024\] EWHC 2204](#)
- [MAS v ZK & Ors \[2024\] EWHC 1939 \(Fam\)](#)
- [A v M & Ors \[2024\] EWHC 2020](#)
- [E v The Child and Family Agency of Ireland & Ors \[2024\] EWHC 1778](#)
- [Re D \(Wardship: Jurisdiction: Cutting Across Statutory Schemes\), Re \[2024\] EWHC 1658](#)
- [Re G and H \(Children: Return to Ghana\) \[2024\] EWHC 1453](#)
- [Fakher v Allami \[2024\] EWHC 841](#)
- [Re N \(A Child\) \(Ukraine: Art. 13 \(b\)\) \(No. 2\) \[2024\] EWHC 1282](#)
- [Re N \(A Child\) \(Ukraine: Art. 13 \(b\)\) \[2024\] EWHC 871](#)
- [R v M \(Hague Convention; Withdrawal of Application and Art. 16 \(Parental Responsibility\)\) \[2024\] EWHC 720](#)
- [GM & Anor v EB & Anor \(Rules of Evidence\) \[2024\] EWHC 288](#)
- [MB v KB & Ors \(Costs\) \[2023\] EWHC 3299](#)
- [MB v KB & Ors \[2023\] EWHC 3177](#)
- [EC v BM \[2023\] EWHC 3237](#)
- [H v Usama Ikram Butt & Anor \[2023\] EWHC 3042](#)
- [K v E \[2023\] EWHC 2890 \(Fam\)](#)
- [Re Z \(A Child\) \(1980 Hague Convention\) \[2023\] EWHC 2696](#)
- [Re A \(Minors\) \[2023\] EWHC 3537](#)
- [Sater v Sater \[2023\] EWHC 3509](#)
- [Re A \(Article 13b, Ukraine\) \[2023\] EWHC 3524](#)
- [NM v SM \[2023\] EWHC 2209](#)
- [Re B \(A Child\) \(Consent; Acquiescence, Intolerability\) \[2023\] EWHC 2162](#)
- [Re K & S \(Article 13 \(b\)\) \[2023\] EWHC 1883](#)
- [C v M & Anor \(No 1 Hague Abduction: Application for Re-hearing\)](#)
- [Re Y \(A Child\) \(Abduction: Romania Article 13\(b\) \[2023\] EWHC 1676](#)
- [Z v Z \[2023\] EWHC 1673](#)
- [Addou v Bennabi \[2023\] EWHC 2469](#)
- [C v M & Anor \[2023\] EWHC 1182](#)
- [R v P \[2023\] EWHC 914](#)
- [Allami v Fakher \[2023\] EWFC 59](#)
- [Re DQ \(A Child\) \(Abduction: Defence of Consent\) \[2023\] EWHC 891](#)

- [Re Child E \[2023\] EWHC 584](#)
- [Re T \(A Child: Application to Permanently Relocate\) \[2023\] EWHC 545](#)
- [FB v MG \[2023\] 1 FLR 1151](#)
- [T v V & Anor \[2022\] EWHC 2692](#)
- [Addou v Bennabi \(committal\) \[2022\] EWHC 3465](#)
- [Re N \(Abduction\) \[2022\] EWHC 3146](#)
- [J v R \[2022\] EWFC 104](#)
- [GTJ v LS \[2022\] EWHC 3688](#)
- [ADK v ASI \[2022\] EWHC 2610](#)
- [YP v HP \[2022\] EWHC 1954](#)
- [F and S \(Special Guardianship Order with Supervision Order\) \[2021\] EWFC B19](#)
- [London Borough of Southwark v A Family \[2020\] EWHC 3117](#)
- [A City Council v A Mother & Ors \(Care Proceedings Radicalisation\) \[2019\] EWHC 3076, \[2020\] 1 FLR 515](#)

### **International Children Law**

Mani is a specialist in cases that have an international element relating to child abduction and was recognised as the Legal Aid Barrister of the Year 2024 winner for his work in this area of the field. Mani deals with cases concerning applications for summary return under the Hague Convention 1980, the recognition and enforcement of foreign orders relating to the Hague Convention 1996, applications concerning wardship / the inherent jurisdiction and forced marriage. Mani is known for his experience in 'stranded spouse' cases and is the author of 'A Practical Guide to Stranded Spouses in Family Law' which is available for purchase [here](#). He also co-authored an article in [The Times](#) about this topic. Further, Mani has published a book in respect of 'A Practical Guide to Exercising the Inherent Jurisdiction' which can be purchased [here](#). Mani is also regularly instructed by intervenors and other interested bodies in cases concerning international disputes and the rights of children.

Further, Mani is regularly instructed in cases where there are jurisdictional issues, applications for relocation and cases concerning surrogacy.

Mani regularly writes on the topic of international child abduction and has featured in the International Family Law Journal, the Family Law Journal and New Law Journal. He is known for representing vulnerable clients across the world in international disputes relating to domestic abuse, stranding spouses and child abduction and in 2024 won the Legal Aid Barrister of the Year award.

### **Private Children Law**

Mani acts in all areas of private law disputes concerning children that involve applications for child arrangement orders and enforcement proceedings. He is frequently instructed in cases concerning contentious residence and contact disputes where the issues involve allegations of domestic abuse, psychological harm, parental alienation and he also appears in cases involving domestic and international relocation. Mani is known for his experience in private law cases where there are reported safeguarding issues and local authority input and he has produced a number of articles on this area which have been published by the Family Law Journal (LexisNexis). He has appeared in extensive fact-finding hearings in private law disputes and works across the whole of England.

Mani has extensive experience relating to applications under the Family Law Act 1996 for non-molestation and occupation orders.

### **Public Children Law**

Mani regularly represents local authorities, parents and guardians in public law proceedings. He has appeared in contested cases relating to a case of the utmost gravity such as those concerning

allegations of NAI, FFI and radicalisation. He is particularly sought after in public law disputes heard in the High Court and where international disputes arise such as those relating to abduction, forced marriage and FGM.

## Publications

Mani is a well-established commentator in the field of Family Law. He regularly appears in leading newspapers and legal platforms and has been published in the Guardian, The Times, Law Society Gazette, International Family Law Journal, Family Law Journal, Counsel Magazine, The Solicitors Journal, Social Work News, Family Law Week. He is also an author of the following books:

- A Practical Guide to the Participation of Children in Family Law;
- A Practical Guide to Exercising the Inherent Jurisdiction in Family Law Proceedings; and
- A Practical Guide to Stranded Spouses in Family Law.

## Personal Information

Mani has assisted with the expert witness training of paediatricians at the Royal College of Paediatrics and regularly delivers training and seminars to legal professionals. He is on the scholarship and diversity panel for the FLBA and is also an accredited pupil supervisor. Mani is also the current Deputy Editor at Family Law Week.

Mani is in demand for speaking at a number of high-profile events and recently he spoke at:

- White Paper Conference on the issue of fact-findings in private law disputes, alongside Barbara Mills KC;
- JUSTICE Human Rights Conference alongside Teertha Gupta KC;
- LexisNexis 2022 Family Law Round Up, speaking on developments in international family law.
- LexisNexis 2023 Private Law Round Up
- ALC Conference on representing and securing the return of children from non-hague countries, alongside Tipstaff.
- LexisNexis 2024 - Transparency in Family Law alongside Teertha Gupta KC.

## Memberships

The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn  
Family Law Bar Association  
Child Abduction Lawyers Association

## Directories

"He's a very committed, high-quality advocate who really does put the work in."

"A campaigner and speaker on important areas of family law, he is a fighter in terms of achieving justice. Ultimately, he's a strong believer in helping people."

"He has a wealth of experience in international children law and is a pleasure to work with him."

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## Legal 500, 2025

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to ensure that the client receives the best possible advice and service. He is reliable and extremely knowledgeable in respect of private children’s cases. He has excellent advocacy skills, particularly in cross-examination.’

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**Cases**

30/10/2024	R (Child Abduction: Parent’s Refusal to Accompany) (Rev1)	Teertha Gupta KC Ruth Kirby KC Mani Singh Basi Frankie Shama	[2024] EWCA Civ 1296
25/10/2024	Samira Addou v Sidali Bennabi	Mani Singh Basi	[2024] EWHC 2702 (Fam)
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22/08/2024	Omay Ali Elhag Elkndo v Elnoaman Gassam Elsyed & Ors (Committal: Findings)	Mark Jarman KC Mani Singh Basi	[2024] EWHC 2204 (Fam)
21/08/2024	A and R (1980 Hague Convention: Return to Australia), Re	Mani Singh Basi	[2024] EWHC 2190 (Fam)
31/07/2024	A v M & Ors	Teertha Gupta KC Christopher Hames KC Mark Jarman KC Indu Kumar Mani Singh Basi Ralph Marnham Frankie Shama Alexandra Halliday	[2024] EWHC 2020 (Fam)

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29/07/2024	MAS v ZK & Ors	Teertha Gupta KC Mani Singh Basi James Nottage	[2024] EWHC 1939 (Fam)
09/07/2024	E v The Child and Family Agency of Ireland & Ors	Henry Setright KC Michael Gration KC Mani Singh Basi Harry Langford	[2024] EWHC 1778
26/06/2024	D (Wardship: Jurisdiction: Cutting Across Statutory Schemes), Re	Michael Gration KC Rebecca Foulkes Mani Singh Basi	[2024] EWFC 126
14/06/2024	G and H (Children: Return to Ghana), Re	Mani Singh Basi	[2024] EWHC 1453 (Fam)
29/05/2024	N (A Child) (Ukraine: Art. 13 (b)) (No. 2), Re	Mani Singh Basi	[2024] EWHC 1282 (Fam)
07/05/2024	Person D v Person E	Mani Singh Basi	[2024] EWHC 2626 (Fam)
17/04/2024	N (A Child) (Ukraine: Art. 13 (b)), Re	Mani Singh Basi	[2024] EWHC 871 (Fam)
19/03/2024	R v M (Hague Convention; Withdrawal of Application and Art. 16 (Parental Responsibility))	Christopher Hames KC Mark Jarman KC Michael Gration KC Jacqueline Renton Mani Singh Basi Frankie Shama	[2024] EWHC 720 (Fam)
14/02/2024	Ali Fakher v Maryam Allami	Mani Singh Basi	[2024] EWHC 841 (Fam)
12/02/2024	GM & Anor v EB & Anor (Rules of Evidence)	Piers Pressdee KC Mani Singh Basi	[2024] EWHC 288 (Fam)
21/12/2023	MB v KB & Ors (Costs)	Mani Singh Basi Cliona Papazian	[2023] EWHC 3299 (Fam)
18/12/2023	EC v BM	Christopher Hames KC Michael Gration KC Jonathan Evans Mani Singh Basi	[2023] EWHC 3237
15/12/2023	T v V & Anor	Charlotte Baker Mani Singh Basi	[2022] EWHC 3692 (Fam)

13/12/2023	MB v KB & Ors	Mani Singh Basi Cliona Papazian	[2023] EWHC 3177 (Fam)
11/12/2023	H v Usama Ikram Butt & Anor	Mani Singh Basi Alexandra Halliday	[2023] EWHC 3042 (Fam)
06/12/2023	C v M (A Child) (Abduction: Representation of Child Party)	Ruth Kirby KC Adele Cameron-Douglas Miriam Best Mark Jarman KC Mani Singh Basi Christopher Hames KC Indu Kumar Charlotte Baker Deirdre Fottrell KC Henry Setright KC Harry Langford	[2023] EWCA Civ 1449
06/12/2023	Re T (Abduction: Protective Measures: Agreement to Return)	Teertha Gupta KC Paul Hopher Emma Spruce Jacqueline Renton Mani Singh Basi	[2023] EWCA Civ 1415
01/12/2023	A (Article 13b, Ukraine), Re	Mani Singh Basi	[2023] EWHC 3524 (Fam)
22/11/2023	A (Minors), Re	Mani Singh Basi	[2023] EWHC 3537 (Fam)
26/10/2023	Z (A Child) (1980 Hague Convention), Re	Mani Singh Basi	[2023] EWHC 2696 (Fam)
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26/09/2023	NM v SM	Cliona Papazian Mani Singh Basi	[2023] EWHC 2209 (Fam)
25/08/2023	Re B (A Child) (Consent; Acquiescence, Intolerability)	Mark Jarman KC Mani Singh Basi	[2023] EWHC 2162
21/08/2023	Flora Abdul Sater v Samer Abdul Sater	Mani Singh Basi	[2023] EWHC 3509 (Fam)
27/07/2023	Re Y (A Child) (Abduction: Romania Article 13(b))	Mani Singh Basi	[2023] EWHC 1676
27/07/2023	C v M & Anor (No 1 Hague Abduction: Application for Re-hearing)	Mark Jarman KC Mani Singh Basi Adele Cameron-Douglas Christopher Hames KC Charlotte Baker Teertha Gupta KC	[2023] EWHC 1482 (Fam)
27/07/2023	Re H (A Child) (Recusal)	Mani Singh Basi Jacqueline Renton Nadia Campbell Brunton	[2023] EWCA Civ 860



27/07/2023	Re K & S (Article 13 (b))	Mani Singh Basi	[2023] EWHC 1883
24/07/2023	H (A Child) (Recusal), Re	Jacqueline Renton Mani Singh Basi	[2023] EWCA Civ 860
05/07/2023	Z v Z	Mani Singh Basi Jacqueline Renton	[2023] EWHC 1673 (Fam)
19/05/2023	Maryam Allami v Ali Fakher	Mani Singh Basi	[2023] EWCA Civ 532
18/05/2023	C v M & Anor	Ruth Kirby KC Mark Jarman KC Mani Singh Basi Charlotte Baker Adele Cameron-Douglas	[2023] EWHC 1182 (Fam)
11/05/2023	Samira Addou v Sidali Bannabi	Michael Gration KC Mani Singh Basi	[2023] EWHC 2469
24/04/2023	Allami v Fakher	Cliona Papazian Mani Singh Basi	[2023] EWFC 59
10/03/2023	Re Child E (2023)	Mani Singh Basi	[2023] EWHC 584 (Fam)
07/03/2023	R v P	Mani Singh Basi	[2023] EWHC 914
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14/02/2023	Re Y (A Child) (Abduction: Romania: Art. 13(b))	Mani Singh Basi	[2023] EWHC 1676
13/02/2023	A v B (committal) [2022] EWHC 3465 (Fam)	Mani Singh Basi	[2022] EWHC 3465
08/02/2023	Re T (A Child: Application to Permanently Relocate)	Mani Singh Basi Michael Gration KC	[2023] EWHC 545 (Fam)
07/12/2022	Re N (Abduction)	Mani Singh Basi	[2022] EWHC 3146 (Fam)
21/10/2022	GTJ v LS	Andrew Powell Mani Singh Basi	[2022] EWHC 3688 (Fam)
14/10/2022	ADK v ASI	Paul Hepher Mani Singh Basi	[2022] EWHC 2610
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30/04/2021	F and S (Special Guardianship Order with Supervision Order)	Mani Singh Basi	[2021] EWFC B19 (21 April 2021)
18/05/2020	London Borough of Southwark v A Family (2020)	John Tughan KC Mani Singh Basi	[2020] EWHC 3117 (Fam)
20/11/2019	A City Council v A Mother & Ors	Cyrus Larizadeh KC Chris Barnes Brian Jubb Mani Singh Basi	[2019] EWHC 3076 (Fam)

27/06/2019	A City Council v A Mother & A Father & Ors (Care Proceedings Radicalisation)	Brian Jubb Mani Singh Basi	[2019] EWHC 3076 (Fam)
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