

## 9 Members of 4PB Appear in the Two-Day Court of Appeal Hearing in the Matter of Re: Sharif Children

14th January 2025

9 members of chambers will appear in a two day Court of Appeal hearing 14/15 January 2025. This is an appeal from an order made by Williams J, sitting in the High Court Family Division in December 2024, relating to the historic family court cases involving Sara Sharif. In particular, The appellants challenge the decision to restrain the naming of “any Judge who heard the historic proceedings” concerning Sara Sharif and her siblings. The appeal will likely provide general guidance on the issue of transparency and the naming of judges.

The live streamed broadcast of the appeal will be accessible from the [judiciary's website](#).

Acting for the respondents:

- [Alex Verdan KC](#), leading [Rebecca Foulkes](#), are instructed by Hilka Hollmann (Dawson Cornwell), representing the Children (through their Children's Guardian)
- [Deirdre Fottrell KC](#) is instructed by Surrey County Council
- [Cyrus Larizadeh KC](#), leading [Clarissa Wigoder](#), are instructed by Bridget Thomson (Osborne Law), representing Urfan Sharif
- [Joy Brereton KC](#), leading [Amean Elgadhy](#), are instructed by Sanam Khan (City Law Chambers), representing Beinash Batool

[Chris Barnes](#), leading [James Nottage](#), appears for the appellant, journalists Hannah Summers and Louise Tickle.