

Teertha Gupta QC

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Chambers and Partners 2018
Band 1

Experience

Year of Call: 1990

Year of Silk: 2012

Practice Areas

- International Children Law
- Private Children Law
- Public Children Law

Dispute Resolution

- Collaborative Law
- Early Neutral Evaluation
- Mediation

Direct Access

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Awards



Education

Mill Hill School, London
Leeds University
Inns of Court School of Law.

Languages

Conversational Bengali



Appointments

Deputy High Court Judge 2016

Recorder (Civil, Crime and Family) 2009

Member of Football Association's Judicial Panel (Independent Chair of Regulatory Commissions)
(Specialist Chair of Appeal Board)

Profile

Teertha is a specialist senior barrister and trial advocate with over 29 years of experience.

He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2012 and a (Family) Deputy High Court Judge in 2016. Teertha also sits as a part time Circuit Judge (a Recorder) in the Criminal and Civil courts.

His areas of expertise include complex domestic and international children cases such as relocation, cross-border parental abductions and acrimonious contact disputes.

Teertha is also the go to person for Forced marriage and stranded spouse cases. He has spoken in the House of Commons and was named by Lord Lester in the House of Lords as one of the four senior pro bono lawyers behind the Forced Marriage Civil Protection Bill which became a statute in 2007.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200607/ldhansrd/text/70126-0001.htm>

Hotly contested proceedings for clients who are running unpopular arguments before the courts are his forte. He has developed the ability present any case in its best possible light and has been known to have changed Judges' minds in the most difficult of cases. He examines cases in detail and leaves no stone unturned.

Teertha's practice is widely spread geographically across England and Northern Ireland (and the Eastern Caribbean) in all levels of court from County court to the ECJ. To date, he has been involved in 10 full appeals in the UKSC/House of Lords.

By way of example, he successfully led in the UK Supreme Court (Re T Children [2012] UKSC 36 for CAFCASS) and has been the Advocate to the Court as instructed by the Attorney General (Re S a child [2008] EWHC 3013 (Fam)). He intervened on behalf of the Attorney General in MA and JA and The Attorney General [2012] EWHC 2219 (Fam).

Teertha has won numerous awards over the years to include the Jordan's Family Law Barrister of the year and Chambers and Partners Family Junior before taking silk.

Recently he won the prestigious award: Legal 500 Family Law Queen's Counsel of 2018.

He often lectures and chairs at prestigious, highly regarded family law events and has been interviewed on Radio Four: Face the Facts and Law in Action. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0117wq5>
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/law_in_action/3965871.stm

Teertha has trained as a mediator and a collaborative lawyer. His aim is to be cost effective and to provide knowledgeable and straight forward advice. He likes to explore alternatives to litigation but ultimately, in court, he represents his clients persuasively and fearlessly.

Teertha is available to his clients 24/7 (apart from when he is on holiday).

Memberships

Barristers Benevolent Association

Inner Temple
Family Justice Council (Diversity sub-committee)
FLBA
Barrister of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, British Virgin Islands Circuit
Member of The British Association of Sports Lawyers
Fellow of International Academy of Family Lawyers

Directories

Focuses his well-respected practice on public and private international children disputes. He is universally commended for his personable advocacy style and his prowess in the courtroom. Sources see him as one of the foremost abduction silks.

Strengths: "Has just got a brilliant mind when it comes to all things international children-related and is very calm and authoritative. He immediately impresses clients with his knowledge and understanding, and is very good at tailoring his approach to them. They have absolute confidence in him." "He's endlessly charming and has a beautiful manner in court."

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'Is never flustered and instils great confidence in clients.'

Legal 500, 2020

Top Tier

Focuses on international children disputes, both public and private, many of which involve forensic investigation. He is universally commended for his personable advocacy style and his prowess in the courtroom. Sources see him as one of the foremost abduction silks.

Strengths: "Utterly charming in everything he does." "His knowledge is formidable, and he's brilliant on his feet. He is co-operative and collaborative, and great at building a rapport with his clients."

Chambers & Partners 2019

Band 1

'Has an encyclopaedic knowledge of international children law.'

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Chambers & Partners 2018

'He is quick to see the tactical arguments and always develops a great rapport with clients.'

Legal 500, 2017

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Strengths: "He's charm personified, is fantastic with clients and is very friendly. He's also a brilliant

strategist and tactician.”

Chambers & Partners 2017
Band 1

One of the most eminent silks for cross-border children matters, and has a particular reputation for his work in child abduction. Sources consistently praise his friendly and approachable manner, and admire his technical abilities.

Strengths: “A great tactician when it comes to international children work.” “Clients absolutely love him. He’s very friendly and they all report back they have massive confidence in him and really feel he’s listening to them.”

Chambers & Partners 2016
Band 1

“He has an incredible ability to strategise the case from start to finish, and he sees unique angles and nuances.”

Legal 500, 2016
Top Tier

A widely respected barrister who deals with the most complex and testing multi-jurisdictional matters. Child abduction cases are his strong suit.

Expertise: “A very smooth operator with gallons of charm and a great mind to match.” “We appreciate Teertha’s considerable experience and his ability to understand the nuances of each specific case and advise accordingly. He is both approachable and pragmatic, and clients always warm to him.”

Chambers & Partners 2015 - Band 1

‘He combines knowledge and acumen with personal charm and the ability to think outside the box - a one-off.’

The Legal 500, 2015

Teertha Gupta QC ‘Charming and ferocious at the same time.’

The Legal 500, 2014

Has thrived since taking silk in 2012 and is highly respected for his work on cross-jurisdictional children cases.

Expertise: “A joy to work with, he’s knowledgeable and so very on the ball. He focuses on issues in order to ensure he gets a result for the client.” “He’s always available to talk and is very innovative in his solutions to problems.”

Recent work: Appeared on behalf of CAFCAS in the Supreme Court in Re: T. He successfully persuaded the Law Lords that the Court of Appeal was wrong in its analysis that costs follow the event in care cases.

Chambers & Partners 2014 - Band 1

Recommended as a Leading Silk in the area of Children law

The Legal 500, 2013

Teertha Gupta QC is an “exceptional advocate” whose ascension to silk in 2012 was, in the eyes of market observers, richly deserved. His principal area of focus is international children cases. Recent matters have included S (Wardship: Stranded Spouses), a case concerning a bride brought to the UK to marry a British citizen, who was then drugged and abandoned in Pakistan without a passport after giving

birth.

Chambers & Partners 2013

International child abduction specialist Teertha Gupta QC's recent QC appointment is 'a formal confirmation of a standard that he has worked to for many years now'.

The Legal 500, 2012

Teertha Gupta is held in extremely high regard for his children work: "He is a solid advocate and the go-to junior for all international children work." International child abduction and relocation matters are his forte, and solicitors flock to him as he has "not only first-class legal expertise, but also a delightful and charming style."

Chambers and Partners 2012 - Band 1

Teertha Gupta is the 'leading child abduction junior at the family Bar'

The Legal 500 2011 - Top Tier

Teertha Gupta is a premier junior for international children work. "He has an approachable and relaxed manner and knows exactly what he is doing," sources say. They comment admiringly that "charm allied to brains always makes for a potent combination."

Chambers & Partners 2011 - Band 1

Teertha Gupta represents a recent excellent hire for the set. Noted for his encyclopaedic knowledge of the law and his interest in abduction and forced marriage, he is "an enthusiastic and thoroughly committed lawyer who gives it his all every time.

Chambers & Partners 2010 - Band 1

Teertha Gupta was voted as 'Family Junior Barrister of the Year'

Chambers & Partners Bar Awards 2008.

Recommended as a Leading Family Junior

The Legal 500, 2010

Teertha Gupta is, like Setright, mightily impressing peers and clients with his expert understanding of international child abduction, forced marriages and matters relating to stranded spouses. Widely regarded as 'one of the leading juniors,' he has 'courage and tenacity when faced with the toughest challenges'.

Chambers & Partners 2009 - Band 1

Recommended as a Leading Family Junior

The Legal 500, 2009

Described as 'the cat's whiskers' by opposing counsel for his combination of 'sophisticated legal knowledge, good cross examination and effective case presentation', Gupta spends much of his time on cross border disputes regarding children. In addition he has established himself as one of only a tiny handful of experts in the niche area of international forced marriages.

Chambers & Partners 2008

Gupta's practice is heavily built on this topic and also child abduction cases. Clients find him 'professional and expeditious' singling him out as a 'barrister who is going places'.

Chambers & Partners 2007

Gupta is a great favourite of the Home Office-Foreign Office's Forced Marriage Unit and is known for both his accessibility and his 'unflinching devotion to the cause'.

Chambers & Partners 2006

Teertha Gupta is 'a rising star in international abduction work'.

The Legal 500, 2008

Teertha Gupta is highly recommended in forced marriage and child abduction matters.

The Legal 500, 2007

Teertha Gupta is widely viewed as the leading junior in forced marriage cases and is also highly recommended for his expertise in child abduction matters.

The Legal 500, 2006

Cases

03/08/2020	RE M (A Child) (2020)	Teertha Gupta QC Cliona Papazian Ruth Kirby Michael Edwards Ralph Marnham	[2020] EWCA Civ 922
30/10/2019	Re NY (A Child)	Henry Setright QC Mark Jarman Michael Gration Teertha Gupta QC Jacqueline Renton Christopher Hames QC Michael Edwards Charlotte Baker	[2019] UKSC 49
25/09/2019	A (Children), Re (Rev 1) (2019)	Teertha Gupta QC John Tughan QC Cliona Papazian Jacqueline Renton	[2019] EWHC 2334 (Fam)
18/06/2019	Re NY (A Child) (2019)	Teertha Gupta QC Mark Jarman Jacqueline Renton Michael Gration	[2019] EWCA Civ 1065
17/10/2018	UD v XB	Teertha Gupta QC Jacqueline Renton Christopher Hames QC Brian Jubb Michael Gration	C-393/18 PPU
03/08/2018	F v M (2018)	Henry Setright QC Teertha Gupta QC Michael Gration Michael Edwards	[2018] EWHC 2106 (Fam)
12/12/2017	Re W (A Child) (2017)	Teertha Gupta QC	[2017] EWCA 2152 (Civ)

03/11/2017	N v J (Power to Set Aside Return Order) (2017)	Teertha Gupta QC	[2017] EWHC 2752 (Fam)
21/03/2017	HB v A Local Authority and Anor (Wardship – Costs Funding Order) (2017)	Charles Hale QC Teertha Gupta QC Private: Oliver Jones Chris Barnes	[2017] EWHC 524 (Fam)
07/12/2016	Re F (Children) (2016)	Teertha Gupta QC Christopher Hames QC	[2016] EWCA Civ 1253
08/09/2016	Re R (Children) (2016)	Alex Verdan QC Teertha Gupta QC Christopher Hames QC Dorothea Gartland	[2016] EWCA Civ 1130
09/06/2016	Re F (Children) (2016)	Henry Setright QC Teertha Gupta QC Christopher Hames QC	[2016] EWCA Civ 546
20/05/2016	Re Z (A Child) (2016)	Teertha Gupta QC Dorothea Gartland Andrew Powell	[2016] EWHC 1191 (Fam)
22/03/2016	Sutton London Borough Council v (1) MH (2) RH (3) NH (2016)	Alex Verdan QC Teertha Gupta QC Robin Barda	[2016] EWHC 1375 (Fam)
04/12/2015	In the matter of J (a child)	Henry Setright QC Teertha Gupta QC Private: David Williams QC Michael Gration Jacqueline Renton Michael Edwards	[2015] UKSC 70
01/04/2015	Re J (A Child) (1996 Hague Convention) (Morocco) (2015)	Henry Setright QC Teertha Gupta QC Jacqueline Renton	[2015] EWCA Civ 329
22/03/2015	AR v RN (Scotland) [2015]	Teertha Gupta QC Michael Gration	[2015] UKSC 35; [2015] 2 FLR 503
04/12/2014	Re S (A Child) (Abduction: Hearing The Child) sub nom AM v AS (2014)	Henry Setright QC Teertha Gupta QC Francesca Dowse Michael Gration	[2014] EWCA Civ 1557
26/11/2014	SP (Father) v (1) EB (Mother) & (2) KP (Through her Guardian Mr John Power) (2014)	Teertha Gupta QC Mark Jarman	[2014] EWHC 3964 (Fam)
08/09/2014	F (No 2 Welfare – Approved) [2014]	Henry Setright QC Teertha Gupta QC	[2014] EWFC 34

15/08/2014	P v (1) D (2) X (3) Y (4) Z (2014)	Teertha Gupta QC Sam King QC Hassan Khan Andrew Powell	[2014] EWHC 2355 (Fam)
12/06/2014	Re F (A Child) [2014]	Henry Setright QC Teertha Gupta QC Private: David Williams QC	[2014] EWCA Civ 789
01/05/2014	Re KP (A Child) (2014)	Teertha Gupta QC Private: David Williams QC Mark Jarman Michael Edwards	[2014] EWCA Civ 554
15/01/2014	Re LC (Children) (2014)	Henry Setright QC Teertha Gupta QC Private: David Williams QC Christopher Hames QC Jacqueline Renton	[2014] UKSC 1
04/12/2013	Re KL (A Child) [2013]	Henry Setright QC Teertha Gupta QC Michael Gration Michael Edwards	[2013] UKSC 75
15/08/2013	Re LC (Children) (2013)	Henry Setright QC Teertha Gupta QC Private: David Williams QC Christopher Hames QC Michael Edwards	[2013] EWCA Civ 1058
26/07/2013	NN v ZZ & Ors [2013]	Teertha Gupta QC Michael Edwards	[2013] EWHC 2261 (Fam)
16/07/2013	DL (Appellant) v EL (Respondent) & (1) Reunite International Child Abduction Centre (2) Centre for family law and practice (Interveners) (2013)	Henry Setright QC Teertha Gupta QC Private: David Williams QC Michael Gration Michael Edwards	[2013] EWCA Civ 865
05/02/2013	I (A Child) & J (A Child) [2013]	Teertha Gupta QC	[2013] EWCA Civ 259
30/01/2013	In the matter of (1) RAI (2) MI (Children) sub nom AI v MT (2013)	Henry Setright QC Private: Marcus Scott- Manderson QC Teertha Gupta QC	2013 EWHC 100 (Fam)
23/01/2013	Re H (A Child) & The United Mexican States (Intervener) (2013)	Henry Setright QC Teertha Gupta QC Hassan Khan	AC9501919
05/12/2012	Re O (A Child) (2012)	Teertha Gupta QC	[2012] EWCA Civ 1576

27/07/2012	MA v JA and the Attorney General [2012]	Teertha Gupta QC	[2012] EWHC 2219 (Fam)
25/07/2012	T (Children) [2012]	Teertha Gupta QC Charles Hale QC Rebecca Foulkes Dorothea Gartland	[2012] UKSC 36
28/05/2012	H (A Child) [2012]	Teertha Gupta QC Andrew Powell	[2012] EWCA Civ 913
10/06/2011	Re E (Children) [2011]	Baroness Scotland QC Henry Setright QC Teertha Gupta QC Private: David Williams QC	[2011] UKSC 27
10/03/2011	JK v KC (2011)	Teertha Gupta QC	[2011] Fam Law 1204; [2011] EWHC 1284 (Fam)
14/02/2011	DB v (1) ZA (2) RA (By his Guardian Judith Bennett-Hernandez) & (1) Metropolitan Police Service (2) Croydon London Borough Council (Interveners) (2011)	Teertha Gupta QC	[2011] EWHC 277 (Fam)
06/10/2010	Chief Constable and AA v YK & 5 ORS	Henry Setright QC Teertha Gupta QC Michael Gratton	[2010] EWHC 2438 (Fam)
13/08/2010	F v J [2010]	Private: Marcus Scott-Manderson QC Teertha Gupta QC	[2010] EWHC 2909 (Fam)
25/06/2010	Re S (Wardship) (2010)	Teertha Gupta QC	[2011] 1 FLR 305 : [2010] Fam Law 1074 ; [2010] EWHC 1669 (Fam)
01/12/2009	Re I (A Child) (2009)	Henry Setright QC Teertha Gupta QC	[2009] UKSC 10
30/10/2009	K v K (2009)	Teertha Gupta QC	[2010] 1 FLR 1295 : [2010] Fam Law 8 : [2009] EWHC 2721 (Fam)
11/09/2009	H v (1) M (2) H (A Child by her Guardian Sarah Vivian) (2009)	Teertha Gupta QC	[2010] 1 FLR 598 : [2010] 2 FCR 433 : [2009] Fam Law 1123 : (2009) 153(37) SJLB 36 : [2009] EWHC 2280 (Fam)
26/06/2009	RS v (1) KS (2) LS (By his Guardian) (2009)	Teertha Gupta QC	[2009] EWHC 1494 (Fam)
23/06/2009	Re P-J (Children) (2009)	Teertha Gupta QC	[2009] EWCA Civ 588
16/06/2009	Re S (A Child) (2009)	Teertha Gupta QC	[2009] EWCA Civ 993

27/03/2009	A (Applicant) v H (Respondent) & (1) Registrar General for England & Wales (2) Secretary of State for Justice (Interveners) (2009)	Henry Setright QC Private: Marcus Scott-Manderson QC Catherine Wood QC Teertha Gupta QC	[2010] 1 FLR 1; [2009] EWHC 636 (Fam)
11/02/2009	Re H (Abduction) [2009]	Teertha Gupta QC Mark Jarman Ruth Kirby	[2009] 2 FLR 1513; [2009] EWHC 1735 (Fam)
10/12/2008	Re S (Care: Jurisdiction) (2008)	Private: Marcus Scott-Manderson QC Teertha Gupta QC Mark Jarman	[2008] EWHC 3013 (Fam); (2009) 2 FLR 550
14/11/2008	S v Slough Borough Council & Ors (2008)	Alex Verdan QC Henry Setright QC Private: Marcus Scott-Manderson QC Teertha Gupta QC Mark Jarman	[2008] EWHC 3013 (Fam)
22/10/2008	EM (Lebanon) v Secretary of State for the Home Department (2008)	Teertha Gupta QC	[2008] UKHL 64; (2008) 3 WLR 931 : (2009) 1 All ER 559 : (2008) 2 FLR 2067 : (2009) HRLR 6 : (2009) UKHRR 22 : Times, October 24, 2008
15/08/2008	Re RD (2008)	Private: Marcus Scott-Manderson QC Teertha Gupta QC Cliona Papazian	(2009) 1 FLR 586
28/07/2008	Re RC and BC (2008)	Teertha Gupta QC	(2009) 1 FLR 574
08/07/2008	Re S (A Child) (2008)	Teertha Gupta QC	[2008] EWCA Civ 951
24/04/2008	SB v RB (Residence; Forced Marriage: Childs Best Interest) (2008)	Teertha Gupta QC	(2008) 2 FLR 1588
15/04/2008	Re B (A Child) sub nom RB v (1) FB (2) MA (2008)	Teertha Gupta QC	[2008] 2 FLR 1624; [2008] EWHC 1436 Fam
14/04/2008	R v P (2008)	Teertha Gupta QC	[2008] EWHC 737 (Fam); (2008) 2 FLR 936
14/03/2008	MC (Claimant) v SC (Defendant) & CC & ORS (CHILDREN) (Interveners) (2008)	Teertha Gupta QC Private: David Williams QC	[2008] EWHC 517 (Fam); [2008] 2 FLR 6
12/12/2007	AD v (1) CD (2) AD (2007)	Teertha Gupta QC	[2007] EWCA Civ 1277; (2008) 1 FLR 1003 : Times, January 9, 2008

05/12/2007	MM v VM (AKA VRM) (2007)	Henry Setright QC Private: Marcus Scott-Manderson QC Teertha Gupta QC Private: David Williams QC	[2007] UKHL 55 (2008); 1 AC 1288 : (2007) 3 WLR 975 : (2008) 1 All ER 1157 : (2008) 1 FLR 251 : Times, December 6, 2007
02/08/2007	Re C (Costs: Enforcement of Foreign Contact Order) (2007)	Teertha Gupta QC	[2008] 1 FLR 619; [2007] EWHC 1993 (Fam)
14/06/2007	M v M (2007)	Teertha Gupta QC Judith Murray	[2007] EWHC 1404 (Fam); [2007] 2 FLR 1010
24/11/2006	Re S (Practice: Muslim Women Giving Evidence) (2006)	Teertha Gupta QC	(2007) 2 FLR 461; [2006] EWHC 3743 (Fam)
16/11/2006	Re D (A Child) (2006)	Henry Setright QC Private: Marcus Scott-Manderson QC Teertha Gupta QC	[2006] UKHL 51; (2007) 1 AC 619 : (2006) 3 WLR 989 : (2007) 1 All ER 783 : (2007) 1 FLR 961 : Times, November 17, 2006 : Independent, November 21, 2006
09/11/2006	Re ML & AL (Children) (Contact Order: Brussels II Regulation) (2006)	Teertha Gupta QC	[2006] EWHC 3631 (Fam)
20/10/2006	Re D (Paternity)	Private: Jonathan Cohen QC Teertha Gupta QC Lucy Cheetham	FLR 2007 2 26
29/09/2006	Re ML & AL (Children) (Contact order: Brussels II Regulation) (2006)	Teertha Gupta QC	[2006] EWHC 2385 (Fam)
05/07/2006	NS v MI (2006)	Teertha Gupta QC	(2007) 1 FLR 444; [2006] EWHC 1646 (Fam)
06/06/2006	Re EC (A Child) (2006)	Henry Setright QC Teertha Gupta QC	(2007) 1 FLR 57 : [2006] EWCA Civ 1115; Times, July 19, 2006
15/12/2005	Re SA (Vulnerable adult with capacity: marriage)	Teertha Gupta QC	[2005] EWHC 2942 (Fam)
03/02/2005	Re SK (2005)	Teertha Gupta QC	(2006) 1 WLR 81 : (2005) 3 All ER 421 : (2005) 2 FLR 230 ; [2004] EWHC 3202 (Fam)