



Mani Singh Basi

Year of Call: 2014

“Mani is extremely efficient and industrious. He oozes confidence, he is unflappable, and clients adore him because there is no one more reassuring to have on your side.”

Legal 500, 2026

“I can say with absolute confidence that he is one of the finest barristers in the field of child abduction law”

Chambers & Partners, 2026

‘Mani Singh Basi is a powerhouse in their area of law. They have been involved in 31 published cases, many pro bono, heard either in the High Court or Court of Appeal. Most of these cases involved complex international family law disputes relating to issues concerning vulnerable children, child abduction and domestic abuse. In addition to their work as a barrister, they continue to contribute to the family law justice system through their commitment as a legal commentator and author’

LexisNexis Legal Awards 2024



Practice Areas

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

Direct Access

Education & Qualification

- Law LLB: First Class Honours
- Joint LLM (Employment Law and Sports Law): First Class Distinction
- BPTC: Very Competent

Languages

- Conversational Punjabi

- Conversational Hindi

Appointments

- Deputy District Judge 2025
- 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]

Overview

Mani is an award winning barrister described as a 'positive force in family law'. He also sits as Deputy District Judge on the South Eastern Circuit. Mani has been involved in 79 reported and published decisions, all in either the Court of Appeal or the High Court, which appear at the bottom of his profile. He is currently the winner of the International Family Lawyer of the Year award as well as being the previous winner of the Legal Personality of the Year 2024 award (LexisNexis) and the Family Law Junior Barrister of the Year 2023 (LexisNexis) award at. Mani has a broad practice covering all areas of family law with a particular focus on disputes relating to children. He is regarded as a commentator and author on areas relating to family law. He is recognised and ranked in all the leading directories (Legal 500, Chambers and Partners and Doyles Guide – London).

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:

- Re T (A Child) (Abduction: Habitual Residence following Relocation: Objections to Return) [2026] EWHC 1237
- Re HF, KF and LF (No 2)(Children; Inherent Jurisdiction; Return Order) [2026] EWHC 1035
- H v O (Fact-Finding) [2026] EWHC 715 (Fam)
- Re D (Contempt: Sentencing) [2025] EWHC 3475 (Fam)
- Re VW & XY (Children: Return Order to Romania) [2025] EWHC 3377 (Fam)
- Re HF, KF and LF (Children) (Habitual Residence) [2025] EWHC 3306
- Re D (Contempt: Breach) [2025] EWHC 3190
- Re Y (Child Abduction; Habitual Residence; Grave Risk; Ukraine) [2025] EWHC 3123.
- C v D [2025] EWHC 3131
- G v K [2025] EWHC 2961
- Re H (A Child) (Refusal of Relocation to UAE) [2025] EWHC 2691 (Fa
- Re AB and CD (Children) (No 3) [2025] EWHC 2508
- S v Q [2025] EWHC 2381
- AA (Mother) v XX (Father) [2025] EWHC 2165
- Re AB and CD (Children) (No 2) (1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention: Joinder; Set Aside)
- Re C (A Child: Summary Return to Pakistan) [2025] EWHC 1427 (Fam)
- D v E [2025] EWHC 1172 (Fam)
- P & Anor v S & Anor [2025] EWHC 944 (Fam)
- The Mother v The Father [2025] EWHC 826 (Fam)
- FB v KS [2025] EWHC 827 (Fam)
- P & Anor v S v Anor [2025] EWHC 468 (Fam)
- H v O (Art 13(b) and Domestic Abuse) [2025] EWHC 114
- N v E [2024] EWHC 3604 (Fam)

- [Re AB and CD \(Children\) \(1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention: Harm/Intolerable Situation; Child's Objections\) \[2024\] EWHC 3520](#)
- [GK v HX \[2024\] 3463 \(Fam\)](#)
- [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](#)

Professional Memberships

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

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. He has been involved in 79 published decisions.

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, alienating behaviours and he also appears in cases involving domestic and international relocation. He has appeared in extensive fact-finding hearings in private law disputes and works across the whole of England.

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

Public Children Law

Mani has appeared in contested cases relating to a case of the utmost gravity such as those cases 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.](#)

Mani is also a contributing author for other leading family law texts. He is currently the author responsible for the chapter on appeals in children proceedings for [Butterworths Family Law Service](#) as well as a joint author for the chapter on committals and contempt of proceedings in family law proceedings for [Rayden and Jackson](#). In 2025, Mani has also become a contributor to a chapter in the leading Family Law text of [Clark, Hall and Morrison on Children](#). He is currently working on a book on expert evidence in family law proceedings as well as co-authoring on a book on international family law for Class Legal.

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 panel for the FLBA and is also an accredited pupil supervisor at 4PB.

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

- [IAFL European Chapter Meeting](#) in Istanbul on alternative dispute resolution;
- [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.

Directories

“He is brilliant with clients and great on his feet. He is also very supportive and always happy to help with queries and follow up questions.”

“Very good game when it comes to matters of international law, child abduction and international comity. Mani’s wealth of experience and expertise are particularly impressive.”

“His client care is really good, especially with the vulnerable. He really does take the time to understand them.”

Chambers and Partners, 2026

“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.”

Chambers & Partners, 2025

‘Mani is approachable and goes above and beyond in each case. An excellent cross-examiner and a go-to counsel for children’s law matters.’

Legal 500, 2025

‘Mani is very committed and passionate about assisting clients. He is always willing to go the extra mile 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.’

