



Laurence Saffer

LLB (Hons) (Middlesex University)

2006 – Called Gray's Inn

Sits as part-time Judge of Mental Health Review Tribunals
Part-time Immigration Judge

Since transferring to the Bar in 2006 after almost 20 years as a Solicitor, he has developed a busy mixed practice in all the areas in which he specialises.

Areas of Practice:

Family:

Child Care Public Law

Representation at all court levels. Extensive range of lengthy and complex cases conducted for all parties in the proceedings including children in person, the Official Solicitor and Local Authorities. Issues include International and Immigration related cases, clients under a mental disability, and all aspects of physical, sexual and emotional abuse.

Private Law

Section 8 applications including residence, contact, prohibited steps and specific issue orders. Injunctions and committals.

Acts as independent immigration law expert in family law cases.

Civil:

Immigration and Asylum law

Representation in asylum, human rights, deportation appeals, all types of immigration applications including business and EU cases and Judicial Review. Lectured for ILPA on numerous aspects of law and practice. Legal 500 recommended Immigration practitioner in 2003, 2004 and 2005 "intellectual approach ... high standards."

Mental Health

Representation before MHRT and hospital managers (s2, s3, s7, s37, s37/41 and s25), at County Court (s29) and High Court Judicial Review. Whilst a solicitor, ran three free hospital clinics for 11 years for psychiatric patients. Advice on consent to treatment, access to medical records, community care and s117 aftercare treatment. Represents various Local Authorities on Mental Health and Mental Capacity issues.

Additional information

Formerly a solicitor 1987 to 2006 and joint equity senior partner in city centre Leeds practice. Whilst a solicitor was a member concurrently of specialist Law Society Panels in Crime, Child Care, Mental Health and Immigration. Had full Rights of Audience in all proceedings.