



Peggy Ekeledo

Called 2007

Admitted as a solicitor 2000

Areas of Practice

Family Law – Particularly Public Law Children

Notable Cases

R. (on the application of MG) v Tower Hamlets LBC (QBD (Admin))
[2008] E.L.R. 523

Publications

Representation of Parents with Mental Health Issues. October 2009.
Co-written with Janice Kaufman and Helen Clift.

Membership and Societies

Association of Lawyers for Children

Other Relevant Information

Before becoming a practising Barrister, Peggy was a solicitor for 9 years and a member of the Law Society's Children Panel for 5 years. Peggy was a partner at Burke Niazi Solicitor Advocates, a very successful niche Family and Mental Health Law practice in Islington. There she specialised in representing parties involved in a broad spectrum of public law proceedings, in particular care and special guardianship proceedings. She also has experience in private law proceedings including adoption and contact. Peggy regularly represented children and their guardians. She is very experienced with cases involving social services in either public or private law.

Peggy has particular interests in representing clients from ethnic minorities. She is very aware of the need for courts to appreciate that ethnic minorities often have different cultural and social values within the family context. Peggy also has a particular interest in representing parties where there is a mental health concern. Peggy has experience of cases involving a broad spectrum of issues including sexual abuse, physical abuse, concurrent care and criminal proceedings, drug and/or alcohol misuse and non-accidental injuries.

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She appears and has experience of case management at all levels in court.

Peggy is a sensitive negotiator and robust advocate, sensitive and judicious when responding to her clients with mental health difficulties. She is able to respond to the vulnerable parents with more complex needs. This does not however, compromise her ability to give realistic and often very harsh but robust and practical legal advice.

From her experience as a solicitor Peggy recognises the importance of not only demonstrating effective advocacy skills, but also providing a high level of client care throughout the process of litigation to both the professional and lay client.

Peggy is a member of the Diversity Sub Committee of the Family Justice Council. The Family Justice Council exists to promote better and quicker outcomes for the families and children who use the family justice system. The Council promotes an inter-disciplinary approach to the needs of family justice, bringing together experts from the worlds of the law, health and social care to support and advise government and the family courts. Peggy presented a paper at the Dartington conference on the 2nd October 2009.

Interests:

Netball, Tennis, reading, theatre and travelling.