

Sheren Guirguis

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Memberships

• Family Law Bar Association

Beyond the Bar

Sheren enjoys baking, running, swimming and dog walking.

Family CV

Overview

Sheren specialises in family work. She is commended for her attention to detail and client care in complex financial remedy matters and disputes involving children. Her experience includes financial remedy proceedings, financial provision under the Children Act 1989, applications under Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975, applications under the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 and all types of private law children applications.

Sheren combines a sympathetic ability to understand her clients with a practical approach, and the ability to get to the heart of an issue swiftly.

Recommendations

Sheren is commended for her attention to detail and client care. She continues to be well regarded for her work in family law, with sources noting her work on complex children matters and financial disputes.

“She is very impressive and a reassuring presence both at court and in conference. Guirguis is excellent with clients and is extremely patient.”

“She is an extremely experienced barrister. She has an impressive knowledge and completely grasps the case.”

Chambers and Partners 2021

“Sheren combines excellent analytical skills with pragmatic advice in both financial and children work. She is always thoroughly prepared and a sparkling advocate.”

“She is equally impressive on both financial and children matters, showing great clarity in understanding complex issues and the ability to communicate them well.”

Chambers and Partners 2020

“She is very thorough in her preparation and this shines through both in conferences and in her advocacy. She has an excellent manner with clients.”

“A good all-rounder. Very personable and thorough.”

Chambers and Partners 2019

“Her support and advice have been invaluable and the client has certainly appreciated the time Sheren has devoted to the case.”

“She is fantastic with the client. She is very calm, very pragmatic and very sensible, but she is tenacious when dealing with a case. Your clients are in safe hands with her.”

Chambers and Partners 2018

“Very well prepared, good with clients and a good advocate.”

“Strikes a good balance between being firm and doing what the client needs.”

Chambers and Partners 2017

“She is universally liked by clients and practitioners for her practical and calm manner.”

“She is hard-working, bright, and has good client care skills.”

Chambers and Partners 2016

“Sheren is always fully prepared and clients are always impressed with her knowledge of their case and her attention to detail.”

“She is always thoroughly prepared and grasps the issues in the case quickly and sensitively, with a sympathetic bedside manner appreciated by clients.”

Chambers and Partners 2014

“A brilliant all-rounder in family law. The safest pair of hands. Totally unflappable, brilliant with clients and clear, sensible advice. Very impressive and a reassuring presence both at court and in conference.”

The Legal 500 2021

“Extremely knowledgeable, a tenacious negotiator and a sparkling advocate.”

The Legal 500 2020

“Pragmatic, solution-focused and will always fight for the client.”

The Legal 500 2018/19

“A family law specialist.”

The Legal 500 2017

“She has a great manner and authority with clients that immediately puts them at ease.”

The Legal 500 2016

“Sheren Guirguis’ advocacy is a joy to watch.”

The Legal 500 2015

“A well-regarded all-rounder.”

“Recommended for her knowledge of inheritance-related financial provision claims.”

The Legal 500 2014

Cases

REPORTED DECISIONS:

Re N (Children) [2019] EWCA Civ 903 – <https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Civ/2019/903.html>

Re C (A Child) [2018] 7 WLUK 785 (Provision under Sch 1 CA 1989)

Re M-A (A child) [2018] EWCA Civ 896 – <https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWCA/Civ/2018/896.html>

Re A [2015] EWCA Civ 294

CD v. Isle of Anglesey County Council [2004] EWHC 1635 – <https://www.bailii.org/ew/cases/EWHC/Admin/2004/1635.html>

Re MA (Disclosure of Information) [1999] 1 FLR 443

FINANCIAL REMEDY PROCEEDINGS

Sheren represented a Wife who was responding to a claim by a Husband, from whom she had separated ten years earlier, after a twelve year bigamous marriage. There were issues about the extent of the matrimonial assets, post separation acquired assets and post separation accrual, hidden assets and whether the Husband could rely on the Wife's bigamy as conduct such that it would be inequitable to disregard. Sheren successfully persuaded the Court to limit the orders made in favour of the Husband so that he received/retained just 18% of the available resources.

In a case where the parties had agreed to transfer the matrimonial home to the Husband during the marriage as a consequence of the Wife accruing substantial credit card debts, Sheren represented the Husband and secured an order preserving the matrimonial home for the Husband (the only matrimonial asset) and a clean break from the Wife, without the Husband making any payment to the Wife. Sheren represented the Wife in a case where the Husband had dissipated a substantial proportion of the parties' wealth. She successfully persuaded the Court to make an order that the Wife receive all the matrimonial assets plus a further lump sum that the Husband was expecting to receive as part of a business transaction.

A case where the Wife sought a substantial lump sum from the Husband, whose assets were limited to the Farm he inherited from his parents. Sheren represented the Husband. The lump sum order made by the Court was limited to just 5% of the value of the Farm.

In a case where the Husband argued that the parties had reached a concluded agreement in regard to their finances following separation six years prior to the Wife's application for a financial order, Sheren represented the Wife and obtained a lump sum and pension sharing order in her favour.

PRIVATE LAW CHILDREN

Represented a father in Children Act proceedings where the mother was hostile to the children spending any time with the father and having a relationship with the father. The mother persistently breached orders. The Court made an order that the children live with the father and that he make the children available to spend time with the mother at his discretion.

In Children Act proceeding where the Cafcass Officer was recommending that the children remain living with the father, Sheren successfully sought and obtained an order that the children live with the mother. The Cafcass officer was persuaded during her own evidence to change her recommendation as a result of the answers given in cross examination of the father, that demonstrated father's hostility to the mother was such that it was in the children's best interests to move to live with the mother.

Sheren represented a mother who was resisting an application made by the father (a Greek national) for a child arrangements order in relation to two children who had had very negative experiences of spending time with him and opposed spending time with him. The children have been subject of litigation for a number of years, during which time the father made various allegations. Indirect contact had been in place for a number of years and the father sought direct contact. Sheren successfully argued that the indirect contact order should continue and that an order should be made pursuant to section 91(14) of the Children Act 1989, prohibiting the father from making any further applications in relation to the children without the leave of the Court to last until each of the children reach the age of 16 years.

Sheren represented a father in proceedings brought by his step daughter seeking an order that the father make his daughter available to spend time with her. Sheren assisted the parties to reach negotiated settlement.