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Marcia is a rounded common law barrister, who is an active advocate in the High Court and County Court.

Despite her obvious interest in Clinical/Medical Negligence litigation, Marcia's main practice in family law deals with complex public law care and private law cases. She represents local authorities, parents, children and intervenors in care cases as well as applicants and respondents in private law family cases.

Before being called to the Bar, Marcia had a successful clinical career at UCL Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, where apart from her regular practice she was a Clinical Research Fellow and Staff Governor on their Executive Board. With her research team, Marcia published work in the field of Paediatric Endocrinology. Her strong scientific qualifications have placed her at an advantage in assessing and using medical and forensic reports in trials. This is invaluable when cross-examining medical expert witnesses.

Marcia has completed secondments at (i) Nursing and Midwifery Council dealing exclusively in health care regulation and (ii) Serious Fraud Office on cases of high level commercial fraud, bribery and corruption.

Her vast practical knowledge of Healthcare Regulatory Law extends to teaching student barristers at the BPP Law School.

Civil

In addition to her advocacy in Personal Injury cases, Marcia has completed drafting Particulars of Claim, Skeleton arguments, Advice on Merits, Advice on Quantum and substantive trials.

Personal Injury

DA v Liberty Insurance Ltd [July 2017] successfully represented Claimant for relief of sanctions.

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Akhtar v Cristie [2012] Personal Injury claim with damages in excess of 500,000. Advice on Quantum and preparation for trial on Quantum.

Medical Negligence

O (mother) for and on behalf of deceased minor AD v Newham General Hospital [2012] Represented the claimant where damages awarded without admission of liability.

Health Care Regulatory Law

Marcia is practiced in dealing with health care regulatory cases at all stages and level of courts. She claims comprehensive knowledge of fitness to practice issues and is able to represent clients with confidence.

NMC and YS [2015] Health Visitor failing to maintain professional boundaries in her practice: there were serious child protection issues. The case was particularly complex with hundreds of pages of hand-written evidence from family/care proceedings, child and social records to cross-reference with multiple charges.

NMC v N [2015] represented NMC where midwife had dishonestly falsified patient records. All of charges were proved, with misconduct and current impairment. Sanction imposed was 'strike off'.

Dr. O G-O -v- GMC [2013] Drafted grounds of appeal to Court of Appeal after 10-day trial and adverse finding against Doctor.

Immigration

Marcia represents clients in asylum and other immigration cases, often dealing with vulnerable clients in sensitive situations, whose first language is not English.

M v SSHD [2013] Represented appellant where issue was whether the Respondent's decision for removal was lawful.

SSHD v B [2014] Represented the respondent with criminal conviction, gained leave to remain. Appealed by SSHD. Decision upheld.

SSHD v H [UT 2017] Represented respondent where SSHD appealed decision that Immigration Judge did not consider background evidence and *HJ (Iran)* allowing appeal for asylum. Remitted.

Family

Marcia has vast experience in Family Law dealing with Public Law cases including children who suffered serious non-accidental injuries. She also practices in private family law: child arrangement orders and orders under the Family Law Act.

Notable cases

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LBC v AM & CH (re A (a child)) [2019] – represented the father who sought to challenge all of the medical expert reports. This case required rigorous and detailed cross-examination of medical experts relating to MMR vaccinations and ethnicity whilst challenging the scientific evidence. This was a particularly complex case involving a lengthy history of serious crimes and drugs.

LBH v W & S (re: J (a child)) [2019] representing the grandparents. Marcia was tasked with exploring the scientific research on gender identity in a child of a very young age, and the consideration of expert psychological assessments with expertise in gender identity.

Herts BC v TA & JM [2016] represented the local authority where child was taken into long term foster care. The parents were drug addicts and had no insight into the neglect caused to the child.

S v S [2017] represented father in a complex private family case involving the police and the local authority due to serious allegations of assault.

Marcia's scientific background and clinical skills have provided her with knowledge and ability to deal sensitively with clients, who lack mental capacity and/or are vulnerable as well as intervenors.

Appointments

UCL NHS Foundation Trust Hospitals, Board of Governors

Memberships

Professional Negligence Bar Association

Family Law Bar Association

Association of Disciplinary and Regulatory Lawyers

Commonwealth Judges and Magistrates Association

Awards

Award – NHS Executive 1993 -1994

Lexis Nexis – Critique: *F v F* [2013] EWHC 2683 (Fam) *Landmark MMR vaccination case*

Critical Review: *Pattni v First Leicester Buses Ltd also known as Bent v Highways and Utilities Construction* [2011] EWCA WL 5828823

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