



Shárin Diegan

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Shárin enjoys a diverse practice specialising in family law, and particularly children matters. She regularly appears in courts across the country in family, criminal and civil matters.

#### Direct Access

Shárin is qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public pursuant to the Bar's Public Access Scheme (also referred to as 'Direct Access' or 'Direct Public Access'). She is able to draw on the skills and experience she has developed during her pupillage and at the FRU in accepting Direct Access instructions, particularly in family and employment.

#### Pro Bono and Charity Activity

Shárin often accepts Pro Bono instructions from Advocate (formerly the Bar Pro Bono Unit) and has previously accepted pro bono instructions from the Free Representation Unit and Bail for Immigration Detainees. Prior to joining the Bar, Shárin provided Pro Bono advice and representation through the Citizen's Advice Bureau, the Free Representation Unit and Advice-4-Renters.

## Family

Shárin enjoys a developing family law practice, predominantly focusing on children matters. She undertakes instructions in both private law and public law proceedings and has acted for parents, the Local Authority and Children's Guardians. Shárin has recently been instructed to appear in relation to the following:

- ❓ Private law applications involving allegations of domestic abuse and child abuse
- ❓ Proceedings for lives with orders in respect of children with complex needs

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- ? Child Arrangement Orders where there have been allegations of parental alienation
- ? Public law proceedings where findings were sought against the maternal grandparents as the sole carers for the children (in which the judge commented that she had “*battled valiantly to put her case*”)
- ? Child Arrangement proceedings where paternity is in dispute
- ? Costs Application against the Local Authority in public law proceedings (in which the judge hearing the application commended that “*she had prepared an excellent skeleton argument*” and that “*Ms. Diegan had argued the case extremely well and made all of the points that there available to her*”)
- ? Child Arrangement proceedings where there are allegations of risks of FGM and abduction
- ? Directions in child abduction proceedings in the High Court

She accepts instructions in applications for protective orders including Non- Molestation and Occupation Orders.

Shárin also accepts instructions in financial remedy proceedings. She was recently instructed to appear in an FDR where the conduct of the party was considered inequitable to disregard.

## Crime

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Shárin accepts instructions in Road Traffic Offences. She regularly prosecutes in Magistrates’ Courts.

## Civil

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Shárin receives frequent instructions in civil matters, including infant approval hearings. She has considerable experience in RTA cases. She has also appeared in applications for the return of a passport seized by tipstaff in the High Court.

## Employment

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Shárin has provided advice and representation in cases covering a range of issues including: unfair dismissal, redundancy, discrimination, unauthorised deduction of wages and equal pay. She has successfully represented claimants in proceedings for race discrimination and equal pay, amongst other issues.

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# Memberships

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FLBA (Family Law Bar Association)

Shárin is a member of Inner Temple

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