

BIBI BADEJO

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Practice Areas:

Abduction & International
Movement
Adoption & Special
Guardianship
Care Proceedings
Child Arrangements
Court of Protection
Domestic Violence &
Injunctions

About

Bibi Badejo our Joint Deputy Head of Chambers is recognised by peers and clients alike for her calm yet commanding courtroom presence, Bibi is described as 'a compelling advocate with a serene demeanour' by the Legal 500 (2025). Her clients value her 'robust but sensitive approach,' especially when representing vulnerable individuals, with one solicitor noting that she 'has a very lovely human touch to her style' and 'clients think very highly of her.' Bibi's forensic attention to detail, combined with her negotiation and legal expertise, makes her a standout in complex and emotionally charged cases.

Practice overview

Bibi appears in cases covering a wide range of challenging and sensitive matters, including non-accidental injuries, fabricated or induced illness, and sexual and physical abuse. She regularly acts for local authorities, parents, children's guardians, and family members in intricate family law cases. Her meticulous preparation, strategic witness handling, and ability to navigate complex expert evidence make her formidable in both public and private law matters.

Her skills and dedication to her clients were recognised early in her career when she was nominated and shortlisted for Young Legal Aid Barrister of the Year at the Legal Aid Lawyers Awards in 2012 for her impactful work with Greenwich Housing Rights. Her volunteer work as a McKenzie Friend for a domestic violence charity also instilled a deep empathy for vulnerable clients, informing her current practice.

In addition to her courtroom work, she is also highly trained, having completed extensive advocacy training programmes in England, the United States and Australia. Additionally, Bibi has completed specialised training in Forensic Medical Science, enhancing her ability to manage expert evidence in complex cases.

Bibi is a recognised leader in advocacy training nationally and internationally: she is an accredited advocacy trainer at Inner Temple (teacher trainer level) and is the Criminal Course Director of the 2025 Keble Dutton Course. As the founder of The Advocacy Coach, she has trained trial lawyers from over 20 countries, delivering workshops and online courses aimed at enhancing their courtroom skills. Her internationally acclaimed The Advocacy Podcast provides practical advice for experienced trial lawyers, with over 200,000 downloads in more than 150 countries. Bibi's ability to translate her courtroom experience into accessible and engaging training makes her a sought-after advocate and trainer.

She has delivered training all over the world including:

- General Council of the Bar of South Africa: Potential Course Convenors, Drakensburg, South Africa (2024)
- Arbitration Summer Retreat 2024, Hamburg, Germany
- Office of the Director of Public Prosecution, Jamaica (2024)
- Sierra Leone Bar Association and Inns of Court College of Advocacy: Teacher Training (2024) and Advocacy Training (2023), Freetown, Sierra Leone (supported by A4ID (Role UK) and UK Aid)
- Australian Bar Association: 2023 Advanced Advocacy Course, Sydney, Australia
- Bridging the Bar, England – annual online course and live advocacy training (2022 to present)

Bibi also has her own website, which can be found [here](#).

Talks and Webinars

- How to lose a Family Hearing, Family Law Week, April 2023 | ~Webinar
- Elevating Your Profile and Earnings as a Barrister, Black Counsel Forum, September 2023 | Panellist
- Faculty of Advocates Criminal Bar Association Conference (November 2023) | Speaker
- Nuffield Family Justice Observatory webinar: New Research on ethnic disparities in Care Proceedings, June 2023 | Panellist
- Advanced Cross-Examination From Three Views – There is No One Way, Colorado Trial Lawyers Association, September 2022 | Speaker

Podcasts

- [The Advocacy Podcast](#)
- [The Hearing podcast: ep. 160, Bibi Badejo \(The Advocacy Coach\)](#)
- [Talking with: The FLBA Podcast \(May 2021\)](#)

Appointments

- Joint Deputy Head of Chambers
- Elected Governing Bencher of the Honorable Society of the Inner Temple
- Criminal Course Director of the South Eastern Circuit, Tim Dutton CBE KC, Advanced International Advocacy Course
- The Inns of Court Alliance for Women Committee
- Inner Temple Equality Diversity and Inclusivity Sub-Committee
- Inner Temple advocacy trainer (teacher trainer level)
- Inner Temple Advocacy Training Committee
- Inner Temple Scholarships Committee (2020-2023)
- 10000 Black Interns Bar Steering Group
- FLBA committee (2018-2024)
- FLBA Wellbeing sub-committee (2020 – 2024)
- Founder and host of The Advocacy Podcast
- Founder The Advocacy Coach

Education

- BVC, College of Law
- Law, LLB (University College London)
- History and Politics, BA Hons (Queen Mary University of London)

Directories

'Bibi is a compelling advocate with a serene demeanour and demonstrates great skill and confidence in court.' **Legal 500 2025**

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Memberships

- [The Honourable Society of Inner Temple](#)
- [Family Law Bar Association](#)
- [Court of Protection Bar Association](#)
- [South Eastern Circuit](#)

Client Testimonials

Bibi has a wonderful robust but sensitive approach, which is desperately needed when representing vulnerable clients. She is incredibly approachable and clients think very highly of her. Bibi is able to advise clients carefully in very sad situations and has a very lovely human touch to her style. I am always impressed by her immediate attention to matters, as well as thoroughly updating me after hearings.

- **Sian Churchill, Solicitor | Crane & Staples LLP.**

Bibi made a huge difference, her experience and knowledge were invaluable, resulting in a positive outcome. Not only was she skilful in terms of her legal knowledge and advocacy but also in her client care. The client expressed how safe she felt in Bibi's hands and knew that Bibi was doing her absolute best to fight for her. What makes her stand out is her professionalism, exceptional knowledge and skills in and out of Court combined with her thorough yet friendly approach. Bibi is very helpful, particularly in terms of talking ideas and thoughts through. She is also great to learn from!

- **Amy Woolfenden | BeckFitzgerald**

Bibi is a very strong advocate. She is always thoroughly prepared and has a keen eye for detail. I cannot recommend her enough for representing one of my clients in a very complex care case. Bibi has a calming effect on clients. She will work relentlessly to put forward their arguments and at the same time provide them with clear and robust advice. She is a safe pair of hands.

- **Maria Pilavaki | TV Edwards**

Bibi is an outstanding Counsel who goes above and beyond to assist parents. She is extremely thorough in her preparation, commitment and care for the client. Her dedication, thoroughness, and calm professional manner in Court are impressive. She interacts well with clients, shows that she is extremely caring and committed and is able to obtain clients trust even in the most difficult of cases.

- **David Diamond | Edward Oliver & Bellis**

Bibi has an excellent understanding of detail in every case and a good rapport with clients. Her advocacy, negotiation skills and legal knowledge of complex matters make her a great advocate.

- **Jitender Birah | Consultant Solicitor, Duncan Lewis**

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Cases

Re G & H (Children: Placement for Adoption) [2023] EWFC 31 [2023] EWFC 31

The London Borough of Havering v A Mother & Others [2023] EWFC 65 [2023] EWFC 65

Re P., H-L (Children) (Mobile Phone Extraction) [2023] EWCA Civ 206

A (Fact-Finding – multiple bruising), Re [2021] EWFC B88 [2021] EWFC B88

Publications

Advocacy Dos and Don't for Family Lawyers, Resolution, Nov/Dec 2022 | 01st Nov 2022

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Advocacy dos and don'ts for family lawyers

by [Bibi Badejo](#)

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Bibi Badejo Interviews Barbara Mills KC – Family Affairs Magazine | 02nd Aug 2024

[Bibi Badejo](#), our DHoC, had the privilege of interviewing [Barbara Mills KC](#) for Family Affairs Magazine, Summer 2024 edition.

Click the member link below to access the full article!

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[Bibi Badejo](#) wrote the cover article for February's Counsel Magazine edition. The article explores the experiences of Black women barristers at the Bar, and she provides practical advice for Black women navigating the legal profession.

Find the full article at: [CounselMagazine.co.uk](https://www.counselmagazine.co.uk)

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