



## **Nilay Shastry – Barrister Called 2015**

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### **Background:**

Nilay has extensive experience as an advocate, first qualifying as an attorney in New York, then as a solicitor and finally qualifying as a barrister. Nilay began his legal career working as a judicial clerk for the Hon. Christopher Dietz, Superior Court Judge, Union County, New Jersey, USA. Nilay's experience as a solicitor and attorney has given him the ability to assist clients in the most delicate and sensitive manner. His previous experience as a solicitor and attorney means that he can offer practical as well as legal support to an instructing solicitor.

Nilay's attention to detail and strategic approach makes him perfectly suited for complex matters. His oral advocacy, as well as his written work, is powerful and comprehensive, such that it makes it easy for the court to understand how the relevant facts support the legal argument. Another strength Nilay is upfront with the client about the prospects of success is in advising strategically and is upfront with clients about prospects of success which is always appreciated.

### **Areas of Specialisation:**

#### **Family**

Nilay has extensive experience in all aspects of family law. Nilay receives instructions under the Family Law Act, Children Act, and Matrimonial Causes Act.

#### **Private Law Children**

Nilay accepts instructions on behalf of applicants and respondents under the Children Act 1989. Nilay is regularly instructed in cases where alienation and domestic abuse have been raised.

#### **Public Law**

Nilay takes instructions on behalf of local authorities, parents, and guardians. Nilay represents clients from the initial ICO hearing to the Final Hearing. Nilay has represented vulnerable parents. Nilay has experience in cases relating to Interim Care Orders, Supervision Orders, Care Orders, and Adoption Orders. Nilay has experience in cross-examining experts.

#### **Financial Proceedings**

Nilay has experience representing applicants and respondents in all aspects of Financial Arrangement Order applications, whether they arise from Section 1 of the Children Act (1989) or the Matrimonial Causes Act (1973).



## Emergency Injunctions

### **Personal Injury**

Nilay accepts instructions on behalf of claimants and defendants in credit hire claims and RTAs. Nilay is instructed in small claims and fast-track claims.

### **Direct Access**

Nilay takes instructions on a direct access basis.

### **Recent cases include:**

- Nilay, who represented the respondent mother, cross-examined the applicant father at a Fact Find Hearing with a history of mental health issues in a sensitive and skilful manner, which did not increase his stress levels by giving evidence. During cross-examination the applicant admitted to numerous allegations.

### **Testimonials**

- *He is an excellent counsel, who takes pride in the work. He is extremely meticulous and always prepares cases to the highest standards. Mr Shastry is also extremely helpful and is always a telephone call away as and when I need his assistance. Mr Shastry knows how to put clients at ease.*

*Lotoya Dear, Samuel Louis Solicitors*

- *Nilay is a highly organised, efficient, and motivated individual that strives for success. He delivers an excellent service to clients and exceed their expectations by maintaining a keen eye for detail and a proactive can-do attitude towards every case. Being in a career which is constantly results driven, Nilay has demonstrated that client care is the key to succeeding in cases. He uses his initiative and judgment to try and come to amicable settlements and is not afraid to explore unknown territories. Nilay has a relaxed demeanour and remains calm in unforeseen circumstances.*

*Mithun Chauhan, Keoghs LLPT*

### **Professional Memberships**

Honourable Society of Grays Inn  
Honourable Society of Inner Temple  
Family Law Bar Association  
Personal Injury Bar Association  
International Law Committee of the Birmingham Law Society  
Commonwealth Lawyers Association



**Languages**

Fluent in Gujarati  
Conversational in Hindi

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