



# Adeo Fraser

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## Overview

Adeo Fraser is a busy junior family law barrister who advises and represents in court on the full range of financial remedies, TOLATA, public and private children law disputes, injunctions and domestic abuse cases.

He is known for his pragmatic, robust approach and keen attention to detail, whilst remaining sensitive to client care.

He is frequently trusted with and instructed in lengthy and complex hearings and has represented several clients on both UK and international abduction and relocation cases, particularly involving Somaliland, Poland and the Dominican Republic.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Adeo spent almost 18-months as a family law legal assistant in a medium-sized law firm in Birmingham. He worked alongside the Head of the Family department, assisting with the day-to-day management of complex care, adoption, contact and divorce proceedings.

Outside of a busy work diary, Adeo is passionate about social action and also a keen sportsman. Adeo is a member of the RuJohn Foundation, which seeks to provide the necessary educational tools for rural schools throughout Jamaica and select U.S. cities. Adeo has played National League Basketball and continues to play at a high level in the Midlands.

### Publications:

- *"From the Kalashnikov to the Keyboard: International law's failure to define a 'cyber use of force' is dangerous and may well lead to a military response to a 'cyber use of force'"* Hibernian Law Journal 15 (2016) 86-113
- Fraser, A. and Omotosho, Y. *"Driverless cars: the ethical and legal dilemmas"* in From the Frontline, Lyons Davidson Solicitors LLP (March 2017) 2

## Recommendations

'Adeo never appears fazed by anything or intimidated by anyone and has an ability to instil confidence in clients. He manages to carefully balance complex legal proceedings with a human and empathetic touch and is an excellent advocate, even amongst the toughest opponents.'

**Legal 500 2025**/Family: Children and Domestic Violence/Leading Juniors/Midlands Circuit

'Adeo is well-regarded and an experienced and commanding advocate. His meticulous preparation outside of court enables him to have a clear grasp of the legal and practical issues to be determined. He is calm and reassuring yet appropriately robust and responsive, both in and outside of the courtroom.'

**Legal 500 2024**/Family: Children and Domestic Violence/Leading Juniors/Midlands Circuit

'Adeo has built a strong and sound reputation for himself. His legal analysis, arguments, and knowledge are consistently impressive. His grasp of the issues within the case, following his meticulous preparation of cases, is plainly obvious to the client and all those in the Court room. He has the ability to instil confidence in his client through his commanding advocacy but also through his empathetic attendance on the client.'

**Legal 500 2023**/Child Law (Public and Private)/Leading Juniors/Midlands Circuit

## Academic qualifications

- BPTC, University of Law
- LLB (Hons), Keele University
- LLM International Law, University of Nottingham

## Scholarships

- Basil Neild Award (2018)
- Wilhelm C. Vis Commercial Arbitration Moot Distinction (2014-15)
- George Fentham Birmingham Charity Educational Grant for the BPTC (2013)
- Master of Moots, Keele University (2011-12)
- Annual Wilson Given Ltd Award for Leadership and Example in Wulfrunian Values (2009)

## Professional bodies

- Inn of Court: Inner Temple
- Birmingham Black Lawyers (BBL)

## Direct Access

Adeo Fraser is qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public and professional clients under the Direct Public Access scheme.

# Expertise

## Family

Adeo Fraser practices exclusively in Family Law and his practice encompasses Public Law, Private Law, Family Finance, Injunctions and Domestic Abuse cases.

### Financial Remedies

Adeo has experience in a wide variety of financial remedies matters. He is able to run a case through from First Directions Appointments through to Final Hearings.

He also has significant experience of disputes between unmarried couples, in particular applications under the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 and Schedule 1 applications and undertakes written advisory work as well as advocacy.

### Private Remote FDR Hearings

Adeo is available for private remote FDR hearings. For more information on private remote FDR hearings please click [here](#).

### Care and Adoption

Adeo has experience of representing all parties in care proceedings, representing parents, prospective special guardians, children and local authorities in complex care proceedings. He has experience of representing clients with mental health issues and learning difficulties.

Adeo is regularly instructed in multi-day final hearings and his cases routinely involve the cross examination of experts from multiple disciplines. His experience includes cases involving vulnerable clients, non-accidental injuries, domestic violence, applications for adoptive orders and cases proceeding in the FDAC courts.

Adeo also has experience in applications for the revocation of placement orders.

Recent case includes:

- **Re:S&J**, successfully represented paternal grandparents in a 13-day care case, where he challenged the local authority's adoption plan and obtained an adjournment for medical assessment and psychiatric assessment of the grandparents, where the child was then placed.

### Private law children

Adeo regularly accepts instructions to appear on behalf of both applicant and respondent parents in private children matters. He has gained experience in a range of child arrangement disputes, including allegations of domestic abuse, international abduction and parental alienation cases.

He is frequently trusted with and instructed in lengthy and complex hearings and has represented several clients on both UK and international abduction and relocation cases, particularly involving Somaliland, Poland and the Dominican Republic.

Recent cases include:

- **Re:S**, represented the first male victim of controlling and coercive behaviour, in English history, in private law proceedings. He managed to obtain a no contact order against the children's mother.
- **Re:W**, successfully represented a grandmother on her opposed application to relocate to Somaliland with her grandchildren.
- **Re:D**, successfully represented a diplomat from the Dominican Republic on an international abduction case.

Adeo also has extensive experience in applications for prohibited steps and specific issue orders, ranging from matters concerning changes of names to removal from the jurisdiction to non-Hague convention countries.

### **Injunctions**

Adeo has considerable experience in representing both applicants and defendants in applications for declarations of parentage, non-molestation orders and occupation orders.