



The Chambers of
Harendra de Silva QC



Malcolm Bishop QC: Family Law CV

Introduction

Malcolm Bishop QC in the words of Mr Justice Nigel Davis, “is one of the few remaining all rounders practising at the top of the market”. He has appeared in all Divisions of the High Court and his range of expertise is unusually varied.

Appointments

- § Deputy High Court Judge
- § Recorder
- § Chair, Isle of Man Public Inquiry into Legal Aid Provision

Profile

Malcolm Bishop is a Deputy High Court Judge, Recorder of the Crown Court, Chair of the Isle of Man Legal Services Commission, a Bencher of the Inner Temple, and Hon. Standing Counsel to Regent's Park College, Oxford University.

He has a widely based common law practice, which has taken him to most court centres in England and Wales, from the Magistrates' court to the House of Lords. He has also accepted instructions from commonwealth jurisdictions, and has a strong connection with Bermuda. He is currently briefed to lead a team of QCs and juniors in potential class compensation actions for alleged child abuse in Jersey.

He was a member of the Bar Council for many years and has served on innumerable committees and working parties, as well as lecturing widely to regional and national conferences.

Malcolm Bishop is willing to enter into arrangements in respect of conditional fees and direct access.

Some Major cases

Synopsis

Malcolm Bishop Q.C. is a deputy High Court Judge in the Family Division of the High Court, a Recorder in the Crown Court authorised to try criminal, civil and family cases. Malcolm is former Chair of the Isle of Man Legal Services Commission, Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple and hon. Standing Counsel to Regent's Park College, Oxford University.

Practice

Malcolm took Silk in 1993 as a family law specialist. He was the leading family practitioner in Wales and acted throughout the Principality in numerous high profile cases. He was the counsel of choice for 'big money' cases as well as the invariable advocate for all the local authorities in that area. Malcolm has strong links with Parliament and as well as drafting numerous amendments to family related Bills has also advised many politicians of all parties (up to and including cabinet level) on their matrimonial affairs in circumstances of absolute confidentiality. He is the author of a number of amendments, lectures, speeches and Parliamentary statements delivered by Government ministers.

Advisory work

Innumerable opinions and advices on all aspects of family, education, child care Innumerable opinions and advices on all aspects of education, child care and public law matters for many local authorities particularly in South Wales and South West England.

Extra jurisdictional work

Strong connections with Bermuda. Lead Q.C. in prospective actions re allegations of child abuse in Jersey.

He has acted in several leading reported family cases as well as in other areas of the law including:

House of Lords

Re M and H [1988] 2 FLR 431 Family child care
Re Birmingham County Council: Family child care
R(Champion) v Gwent County Council. Judicial Review of Chief Constable's disciplinary powers
R v Ireland and Burstow: Crime ingredients of assault

Court of Appeal

R (Sezek) v Sec. of State for Home Dept. C.A.[2001] EWCA Civ 795: judicial review: Article 8 and deportation.
R v Special Educational Needs tribunal ex parte South Glamorgan County Council; C.A. Admin civil procedure

Administrative Court

R(B) v Gloucestershire County Council: child care; parents' right of appeal
R (Robinson) v Sutton Coldfield Magistrates Court [2006] EWHC 307 Admin: new guidance on hearsay and bad character evidence.

Other

Re LC (Medical Treatment: Sterilisation) [1997] 2FLR 258 : sexual abuse: sterilisation of mentally handicapped patient
NSPCC v H and h [1989]2FLR 131: locus of NSPCC in care proceedings.