



# Ayesha Bell-Paris

## Barrister

Year of Call: 2012

**Inn of Court:** The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn

**Education:**

BA (English); University College London  
Graduate Diploma in Law; Kaplan Law School, London  
Bar Professional Training Course; Kaplan Law School, London

**Scholarships and Awards:**

Lord Denning Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn)  
Winner of the Crowther Shield Advocacy Competition (Lincoln's Inn)

**Appointments and Memberships:**

Denning Society (Lincoln's Inn)  
Midland Circuit  
Family Law Bar Association

**Practice Areas:** Family Law

**Public Access scheme:** Ayesha is qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public.

**Profile:**

Ayesha accepted an offer of tenancy at Senate House Chambers in 2014 after the successful completion of pupillage.

Ayesha has since developed her expertise in all areas of family law and enjoys a varied practice. Ayesha is regularly instructed in both public and private law children proceedings, Family Law Act 1996 applications as well as proceedings relating to the breakdown of a relationship. Ayesha has a particular interest in matrimonial finance cases and proceedings involving Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 (TOLATA) applications.

Ayesha has a balanced practice and has represented local authorities, parents, extended family members, intervenors and children's guardians. She has been instructed in cases at all levels of allocation (including in the High Court) and in all hearings from First Appointments to Appeal Hearings. Ayesha also

has experience in Wardship proceedings and cases involving an international element.

Ayesha is renowned for her impeccable preparation of cases and outstanding written work. Her sensitive and pragmatic approach has been commended by lay clients and Judges alike. Ayesha also appreciates the importance of being able to work as a team alongside her professional clients.

Ayesha often acts for vulnerable clients, such as those for whom English is not their first language or those represented by the Official Solicitor. Ayesha is regularly instructed in cases involving parental alienation, substance misuse, mental health issues, domestic violence and non-accidental injury.

**Recent Cases:**

Re R-T [2017] – Ayesha represented a mother in care proceedings who was accused of inflicting significant bruising upon her young child. No findings of inflicted injury were made during the fact finding hearing and the proceedings concluded with both subject children being rehabilitated home pursuant to a Supervision Order. Ayesha received the following feedback from her instructing solicitor: "Can I also thank you very much for all your hard work in this matter - it has been greatly reassuring to have Counsel in this matter that I have been able to completely rely upon".

**Other interests:**

Ayesha is a certified scuba diver and enjoys travelling to foreign climes so that she can make new underwater friends. When on dry land, Ayesha enjoys cooking, going to the theatre, electronic music and all equestrian pursuits.

