



# Hena Vissian

## Barrister

Year of Call: 2002

**Inn of Court:** Lincoln's Inn

**Qualifications:**

Very Competent (Outstanding in Advocacy), MA Criminal Justice (Distinction), BA (hons) Law, Psychology, Philosophy and Drama (2:1)

Hena is a Family Law practitioner who specialises matters related to children. She is instructed regularly in Public Children Act proceedings, including matters heard in the High Court and accepts instructions in some complex private Children Act matters.

Hena represents a range of parties; parents (including through the Official Solicitor), interveners, Children's Guardians and children requiring representation separately from their Guardian.

Hena has a reputation for dealing with matters in a robust and straightforward manner. She has a sensitive down to earth and child-focused approach with clients, which is well respected by those who instruct her and the court alike. She regularly represents parents, local authorities and children's guardians; children capable of being represented in their own right, interveners and also accepts instructions via the Official Solicitor.

Hena is experienced in dealing with complex matters. She has been instructed to appear in complex cases, including in the High Court (Criminal Division and Family Division) involving the most serious of issues concerning serious sexual abuse, applications for child witnesses to give evidence, disclosure of concurrent criminal proceedings and representation of extremely vulnerable clients with severe learning difficulties.

Hena has particular expertise in the following areas:

- Sexual abuse including rape (including familial abuse)
- Cases involving individuals with learning difficulties
- Cases involving cultural conflict between parents and children

Hena is well known for her forensic analysis and thorough preparation of cases. She has extensive experience cross-examining expert, professional and other witnesses. Her advocacy skills are exceptional, assisted by her early career at the Criminal Bar where she conducted criminal trials over a range of offences at all levels, including rape, sexual assault and historical sexual abuse. She is reputed to be

a tenacious advocate, who takes a sensitive yet robust approach to cases and will not shy away from challenging the opinions of experts and professionals.

Hena is experienced and regularly accepts instructions in matters involving:

- Clients with learning difficulties and disabilities (including the use of intermediaries at court)
- Cases involving clients with mental health difficulties/ issues
- Non-accidental injury
- Sexual abuse (including familial abuse and rape)
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
- Deprivation of liberty
- Chronic neglect
- Domestic violence
- Cases involving older children where cultural conflict is the issue
- Forced marriage
- Honour based violence
- Drug misuse
- Alcohol misuse

**Languages:** English, Kutchi, Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi (conversational)

**Memberships:**

Midland Circuit  
Family Law Bar Association (FLBA)

