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Practice Areas:

Abduction & International Movement
Adoption & Special Guardianship
Care Proceedings
Child Arrangements
Court of Protection
Domestic Violence & Injunctions
Financial Remedies
Matrimonial Finance and Divorce
Relocation Hearings

Yaa Dankwa spent time as in-house lawyer with oneSource working on behalf of Havering and Newham Councils, gaining in depth knowledge in public law proceedings. She has since distinguished herself as a lawyer representing modern families.

Yaa Dankwa is a people person and is passionate about helping her clients find the best possible solutions to their family related problems and will often 'go the extra mile' to achieve this. She is a personable and approachable individual, often commended for her ability to put lay clients at ease, and to instil absolute confidence and trust in those instructing her. She is particularly skilled in assisting nervous clients and litigants in person.

Yaa Dankwa is regularly instructed on behalf of parents in cases where there are significant and often entrenched disputes about where children should live and how much time they should spend with a non-resident parent.

Having completed the "SafeLives Specialist Domestic Abuse Training", Yaa Dankwa is best placed to represent clients in cases involving domestic abuse and where serious allegations of abuse (physical, financial, sexual, controlling and coercive or emotional) and parental alienation are made.

Yaa Dankwa also acts in cases with an international dimension and has represented clients in International Relocation cases. She has appeared in cases involving catastrophic, non-accidental injury where there is complex and conflicting medical opinion.

Yaa Dankwa accepts instructions to represent clients at all stages of family law proceedings, from initial advice on merits and procedure through to contested Final Hearings and everything in between. Recent instructions have included proceedings featuring the following:

- Applications for Child Arrangements Orders
- Applications to vary Child Arrangements Orders
- Contested non-molestation order against ex-partners
- Applications to discharge an undertaking and to grant a non-molestation order,
- Applications to relocate a child outside of the jurisdiction,
- Contested non-molestation order against parents of the applicant
- Contested non-molestation order against siblings
- Contested Occupation Order applications
- Application for Deprivation of Liberty Orders

- Fact-Finding Hearings in cases involving Non-Accidental Injury

Yaa Dankwa currently receives instructions as a qualified legal representative appointed by the court under section 31W(6) of the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 (the 1984 Act) and section 85K(6) of the Courts Act 2003 (the 2003 Act).

Yaa Dankwa is expanding her prowess in the field of Family Law and has qualified as a Family Law Mediator working towards accreditation (URN- 1929T).

Yaa Dankwa is a mental health first aider and also a SEND Mediator. In her very limited spare time she enjoys bat watching, trying out new recipes and sightseeing.

Education

2009 – Ghana School of Law – Admitted, Barrister and Solicitor to the Supreme Court of Ghana

2005 – 2007 – Inns of Court School of Law – Bar Vocational Course

2004 – 2005 – University of Birmingham – Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies

1993 – 2003 – Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology – BA Hons (Economics / History)

Memberships

- Honourable Society of Inner Temple
- Family Law Bar Association of England and Wales
- Women in Family Law
- Resolution
- South Eastern Circuit
- Advocate (formerly Bar Pro Bono Unit)
- Association of Lawyers for Children

Languages

- Twi and Ga (Ghanaian languages)

Appointments

- Attorney General's Civil Panel (Government Legal Department) Junior Junior Scheme
- LexisPSL's Case Analysis Expert Panel
- Currently instructed as Junior Junior Counsel to the Cabinet Office in the UK Covid-19 Inquiry
- HMCTS Qualified Legal Representative
- Bar Council's Chambers Management Panel

Further Professional Information:

- Elected Member, The Bar Council of England and Wales
- Social Mobility Advocate, The Bar Council of England and Wales
- Elected Member, The Bar Liaison Committee – The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple
- Co-opted Member, National Committee – Family Law Bar Association
- Member, Education and Training Committee – The Bar Council of England and Wales