

**YAA DANKWA AMPADU-SACKEY**

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**Practice Areas:**

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

'Yaa Dankwa is wonderful. Focused, impressive and analytical whilst still remaining empathetic to the human side of her work. A client's (and solicitor's) dream.' **Hilda Wright, Solicitor & Director, HW Legal, 2024**

**About**

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.

**Practice overview**

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 is a Direct Access (Public Access) qualified barrister, authorised by the Bar Standards Board to accept instructions directly from clients without a solicitor. She also holds an extension to conduct litigation, enabling her to manage and conduct cases in full, including issuing proceedings and handling all procedural aspects. This dual authorisation enables her to provide a seamless, efficient, and cost-effective service from initial advice through to final resolution.

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.

Yaa Dankwa is developing a growing Court of Protection practice and is regularly instructed by local authorities in proceedings concerning decisions relating to the health and welfare of P. She is committed to providing clear practical advice and representation and is known for being thorough, approachable and well prepared. Yaa Dankwa works collaboratively with solicitors and professionals involved in welfare decision-making and take a balanced and fair-minded approach to every case.

Yaa Dankwa's practice is informed by a strong understanding of the rights and protections afforded to P. She approaches all cases with careful regard to P's wishes, feelings, values and autonomy and to the importance of ensuring that any interference with P's rights is necessary and proportionate.

Yaa Dankwa is accepting instructions on behalf of P and welcome opportunities to act as P's legal representative in Court of Protection proceedings. Yaa Dankwa brings a sensitive advocacy style suited to vulnerable individuals with an emphasis on constructive engagement and careful scrutiny of care planning and decision-making.

## **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
- Essex Resolution YRes
- South Eastern Circuit
- Advocate (formerly Bar Pro Bono Unit)
- Association of Lawyers for Children
- Commonwealth Lawyers Association
- Family Law Committee, Commonwealth Lawyers Association
- American Bar Association
- Family Law Section, American Bar Association
- Ghana Bar Association

- Sikhs In Law, UK
- College of Mediators
- Court of Protection Bar Association

## Languages

- Twi and Ga (Ghanaian languages)

## Appointments

- LexisPSL's Case Analysis Expert Panel
- HMCTS Qualified Legal Representative

## 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
- Vice Chair, Young Barristers Committee – The Bar Council of England and Wales
- Advocacy Trainer, Honourable of Society of Inner Temple
- Member, Advocacy Training Panel, – Sikhs In Law, UK
- Member, Family Mediation Council, EDIT Committee
- Member, Young Barristers Subcommittee, Family Law Bar Association
- Member, Autumn Lectures Series Subcommittee, Family Law Bar Association

## Client Testimonials

'Ms Yaa Dankwa Ampadu-Sackey is meticulous. I admire her professional ethics and etiquette.' **Onanma Nworah, Finsbury Law solicitors, 2024**

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## Publications

Yaa Dankwa – Family Law Week | 17th Jun 2024

[Yaa Dankwa Ampadu-Sackey](#) has the latest article in Family Law Week on QLRs in Practice: A Case for Improvement.

Click the link below to access the full article.