

FACTSHEET

Westminster Chambers Limited

(Practising as ‘Westminster Chambers Barrister’)

About Us

Westminster Chambers is a specialist barristers’ practice regulated by the Bar Standards Board (BSB). Established in 2014 by Ahmed Malik, the Practice is founded on a commitment to clarity, precision, and the delivery of high-quality legal representation.

Ahmed Malik is the Head of Practice. All work is undertaken either by him personally or under his direct supervision, supported by a team of qualified lawyers and experienced administrative staff.

The Practice specialises in civil litigation, with particular expertise in family and children law, property and trust law and immigration law. In addition, it offers general advice and representation across a broad range of common law matters, and is recognised for providing tailored, strategic, and client-focused legal solutions.

About Ahmed Malik

Ahmed is an experienced specialist barrister, renowned for his strategic thinking, calm authority, and ability to guide clients through complex legal challenges with clarity and confidence. His approach combines strong advocacy with sound judgment, ensuring clients receive both practical, solution-focused advice and robust representation.

He regularly appears before courts and tribunals at all levels across England and Wales. Ahmed began his legal career as a solicitor in 1998, practising for nearly a decade before being called to the Bar in 2008. He has been in full-time practice as a barrister since 2010, bringing with him a breadth of experience and a well-rounded perspective across both branches of the profession.

Practice Areas

Family Law

Ahmed is a specialist family barrister with substantial expertise, having successfully represented a large number of clients in court since 2010. His practice encompasses a broad range of family law matters, including:

- All aspects of divorce
- Disputes concerning the division of assets between married couples
- Claims for spousal maintenance
- Financial disputes between unmarried or separating partners
- Claims by third parties in relation to interests in family assets

He has consistently utilised his expertise to negotiate favourable settlements on behalf of his clients during court proceedings, particularly at Financial Dispute Resolution (FDR) hearings, thereby saving significant time and costs.

Children Act Proceedings

Ahmed has extensive experience acting on behalf of parents, guardians, and local authorities in a wide range of Children Act matters, including:

- Disputes between parents concerning child arrangements (residence and contact) and applications for prohibited steps orders
- Issues relating to parental responsibility and applications for relocation of children
- Care proceedings
- Domestic abuse matters, including applications for Non-Molestation Orders
- Adoption proceedings

He is recognised for his empathetic and discreet approach to highly sensitive cases, combined with firm, focused, and effective advocacy.

Property & Trust

Ahmed advises and represents clients across a broad spectrum of property-related disputes, including:

- Landlord and tenant disputes in both residential and commercial contexts
- Possession proceedings
- Service charge disputes
- Housing disrepair claims
- Breaches of planning regulations and enforcement matters
- Claims under the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act (TOLATA)
- Claims for beneficial interests in property arising under equity and trust law

He regularly appears before the County Court, the High Court, and the First-tier Tribunal (Property Chamber).

Immigration Law

Ahmed provides expert representation across all areas of immigration, asylum, and nationality law, including:

- Asylum and human rights applications and appeals
- Deportation appeals
- Bail applications
- All types applications for visa and permission to stay
- Citizenship and nationality matters
- Judicial reviews at the Upper Tribunals and the High Court

How to Instruct Us

As a BSB-regulated entity, we are able to accept instructions in the same manner as a firm of solicitors, providing representation from pre-action advice through to the conclusion of litigation.

Fees may be agreed on a **fixed-fee basis**, an hourly rate, or (where applicable) a brief fee and refresher structure. Full details of the agreed fee arrangement will be set out in a client care letter, which must be reviewed and signed before work begins.

Information About Our Fees

Fees are charged depending on the nature of the work and client requirements. Written advice, conferences, and drafting are usually charged on an hourly basis, while discrete items may be undertaken for an agreed fixed fee. Advocacy is generally charged by way of a brief fee with daily refreshers for additional hearing days.

The level of fees may vary depending on:

- Complexity of the matter
- Urgency of the work
- Volume of documentation
- Novel or difficult points of law

Unless otherwise stated, fees are exclusive of VAT. Disbursements (such as court fees, experts, or travel) are charged separately unless agreed in advance.

Public Access Work

The Public Access scheme allows members of the public to instruct a barrister directly without using a solicitor. Ahmed undertakes public access work in his individual capacity, rather than through the entity.

Public Access Services may include:

- Initial case assessment
- Written and oral legal advice
- Drafting of documents
- Conferences
- Representation at hearings
- Settlement and negotiation advice

Key Stages of Public Access Work

1. **Initial Assessment** – suitability of the matter for public access
2. **Advice and Strategy** – written or oral advice on merits and procedure
3. **Preparation** – drafting, evidence review, and hearing preparation
4. **Representation / Resolution** – advocacy or settlement assistance

Indicative Timescales

Timescales vary, but as a general guide:

- Initial assessment: 3–5 working days
- Written advice: 5–10 working days
- Drafting: 5–15 working days
- Hearings: dependent on court listings

These are estimates only and not guarantees.

Indicative Fees (for Public Access)

All fees are agreed in advance and are exclusive of VAT.

- Written advice: £750 – £2,500
- Conferences: £500 – £1,500
- Drafting documents: £750 – £3,500
- Short hearings (½ day): £1,250 – £2,500
- Final hearings (per day): £2,000 – £4,000

Fees may vary where matters are urgent, complex, document-heavy, or involve additional issues beyond the original scope.

A link to the **BSB Public Access Guidance for Lay Clients** is available here:

<https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/for-the-public/finding-and-using-a-barrister/how-to-instruct-a-barrister/public-access-guidance-for-lay-clients.html>

Keeping You Informed

We aim to keep clients appropriately informed about progress, including discussing timescales at the outset, notifying clients of delays, and responding to reasonable update requests.

Complaints Procedure

1. Complaints – Contacting Us First

If you are unhappy with any aspect of our service, please raise this with us first.

Complaints should be addressed to:

- **Name:** Ahmed Malik, Head of Practice
- **Email:** info@westminsterchambers.co.uk
- **Address:** 330 High Holborn, London WC1V 7QH
- **Telephone:** 020 7247 8458

We will acknowledge your complaint promptly and explain how it will be handled.

Complaints by Non-Clients

We also consider complaints from non-clients, such as opponents or third parties affected by our services. Such complaints should be made in writing and will be handled fairly and proportionately.

2. Complaining to the Legal Ombudsman

If you are not satisfied with our response, or if eight weeks have passed, you may complain to the Legal Ombudsman.

Contact details:

- Website: www.legalombudsman.org.uk
- Telephone: 0300 555 0333
- Email: enquiries@legalombudsman.org.uk
- Address: PO Box 6167, Slough SL1 0EH

Time limits:

- Within **six months** of our final response; and
- No more than **one year** from the act or omission complained about, or from when you should reasonably have known there was cause for complaint.

The Legal Ombudsman's decision data page can be found at:

<https://www.legalombudsman.org.uk/information-centre/data-centre/ombudsman-decision-data>

Regulatory Information

Checking a Barrister

The BSB Barristers' Register allows you to check a barrister's practising status and disciplinary history: <https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/for-the-public/search-a-barristers-record/the-barristers-register.html>

Checking a Legal Services Entity

The BSB Entities' Register lists BSB-regulated legal services businesses:

<https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/for-the-public/search-a-barristers-record/the-entities-register.html>

Our Regulator

We are regulated by the **Bar Standards Board (BSB)**. Website: www.barstandardsboard.org.uk

Contact Us

For fee quotes and enquiries, please contact our clerks by email:

info@westminsterchambers.co.uk

Please provide a brief outline of your matter and the assistance required.