

# **ZAHRA PABANI**

## **WORK PROFILE**

Zahra Pabani is a Partner and Head of the Family Team at Shakespeares Putsmans Solicitors in Birmingham City Centre.

Zahra came to Birmingham in October 2002 as an assistant solicitor, promoted to Associate within 3 months and within 3 years to her current role. She has worked in law for about 13 years.

Zahra studied law at Leicester and completed her 2 year training in a small private practice in Buckinghamshire. She worked in a busy Gloucestershire high street practice before joining her current employer.

The team Zahra leads deal with all aspects of family law including divorce, separation and children matters. Zahra specialises in dealing with finances on marriage, relationship and civil partnership breakdown for predominately high net worth individuals. The team also deals with high profile cases and cases with an international element.

## **MARKETING AND PR**

Zahra has a dual role as family lawyer and manager and enjoys mentoring and supervising her team. Zahra likes to watch them develop and teach them new skills to guide them through difficult cases and issues.

One of her key strengths is marketing and PR which she embraces with vigour and passion. Through speaking and writing Zahra raises awareness of relevant family issues amongst the general public.

Zahra has spoken at various meetings for the Chamber of Commerce, Women in Business and at networking events including Birmingham Future. Zahra has been published in 2 prestigious family law journals. She has written an 'occasional' column on family issues for Birmingham Post, the Mail on Sunday and appeared as a 'Hot shot' in the Daily Telegraph. Zahra was interviewed as a successful young Asian female by Birmingham Post and featured in their Asian Business supplement.

Zahra has written for women's magazines, given live radio interviews, various shows for Saga and featured on BRMB and Radio WM. Having been approached by BBC West Midlands, Zahra was filmed for 'Inside Out' following which she recorded a further programme with Sky.

Some subjects Zahra has written or spoken about are as follows:

- City Living – what it's like to be a young professional living and working in the heart of the second city
- The impact Leadership has on home and family life and in particular the pressure that places on relationships.
- Wealth protection – pre nuptials agreements and living together agreements
- East meets west – Asian marriages and the English Courts.
- Children, property and finances and living in sin!

## **RESOLUTION**

Another hat Zahra wears is Chair of Resolution West Midlands. Resolution is a national organisation that regulates and supports family lawyers nationwide. Resolution assists the Government where it can in commenting on law reform. Zahra chairs a committee of 14 representing all leading Birmingham legal firms dealing with family law. Zahra reaches out to the business community through her committee, raising awareness incorporating all who deal with family law including finance houses, private banks and the like.

## **CONCLUSION**

Zahra describes herself as a working class girl done good! From humble beginnings as a Ugandan refugee she has worked hard to achieve her current status within the legal profession which is largely a man's world!

Zahra is a passionate, vibrant person and once met not easily forgotten! She has great people skills and a good sense of humour!

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