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Mousumi has a very busy practice in immigration, family and regulatory law and welcomes all instructions within her expertise. For certain firms, she is their preferred counsel in immigration and family matters.

Mousumi is also Direct Access accredited and is happy to take on cases from lay clients in suitable matters.

Described by a Partner and Head of the Regulatory team at Blake Morgan LLP, a leading 500 tier firm, as 'impressive', Mousumi is the ideal choice of counsel to instruct in the field of regulatory law.

Mousumi has recently completed a secondment to the litigation team at Eversheds Sutherland (International) LLP, acting as in-house counsel on the RL250 project.

Alongside her practice, Mousumi is also a Visiting Lecturer at Westminster University, delivering teaching on Child Protection Law and Policy and Family Law.

Expertise

Professional Discipline

Mousumi has completed a secondment in a Tier 1 500 ranked large law firm acting on behalf of regulatory bodies. During this time, Mousumi was involved in a number of investigations and acted as an advocate before regulatory panels and in the High Court. She is the firm's preferred counsel in interim order extension hearings in the High Court.

Immigration

Mousumi is recognised as a determined and client focused advocate who specialises in advice, representation and advocacy in all areas of immigration, asylum, nationality and citizenship, bail, human trafficking, deportation, judicial review and detention cases. She is instructed to appear in courts and tribunals at all levels up to and including the Court of Appeal.

Described by one solicitor as 'an extremely diligent advocate whose attention to detail is exemplary' Mousumi's ability to engage judges and opposing counsel in a respectful manner allied with the unwavering and tenacious nature of her advocacy has led to successes both at the First-tier Tribunal and Upper Tribunal Immigration and Asylum Chamber and

makes her a clear choice for solicitors in challenging cases.

Mousumi is also committed to helping the most vulnerable in society and regularly volunteers with 'Bail for Immigration Detainees', a charity that provides pro bono representation at bail hearings.

Notable Immigration cases

SH -v- SSHD

Error of law hearing at the Upper Tribunal in a case looking at the provisions of Appendix EU.

TE -v- SSHD

Human rights appeal hearing at the First-tier Tribunal where a parent applied for entry clearance for their child to join them in the UK; the appeal was successful.

MK -v- SSHD

Bail application in the First-tier Tribunal for an applicant who had been sentenced for more than 17 years.

AS -v- SSHD

Judicial review oral permission hearing where the Claimant challenged a 10-year ban on entry to the UK.

AAC -v- SSHD

Judicial review oral permission hearing in a case concerning the grant of British citizenship; permission for judicial review was granted.

GK -v- SSHD

Mousumi represented the Appellant at the First-tier Tribunal in an EEA direct family member case where relationship was disputed. The appeal was conceded by the Home Office immediately at the beginning of the hearing.

OWJ and others -v- SSHD

Mousumi represented the Appellants in a case where the Home Office alleged there had been fraudulent deception 12 years prior in the obtaining of indefinite leave to remain by the Appellants and sought to revoke the indefinite leave to remain. The appeal was allowed.

Family

Mousumi accepts instructions in all areas of family law, including: financial remedy proceedings, private children, non

molestation and occupation order applications and care proceedings.

Mousumi's knowledge of family law is further complemented by her role as a Visiting Lecturer at Westminster University, teaching the subject.

Solicitors and clients have described Mousumi as well-prepared, articulate and dedicated to ensuring a matter is resolved with the least number of hearings as possible. Mousumi is regularly instructed in fact-findings and final hearings. Mousumi's previous experience of working with the National Centre of Domestic Violence has meant that she is particularly well-equipped to assist with vulnerable clients.

Mousumi is also a volunteer at the organisation 'Not Beyond Redemption' where she helps women who are in or have left prison and assists in re-establishing and regenerating the fundamental relationship between mother and child.

Notable Family cases

HP -v- DP

Three day fact finding hearing in a private children matter where Mousumi represented the Respondent Mother in a case where the Applicant Father was seeking to re-establish contact with a step-child following the parties' divorce.

CA -v- MMS

Mousumi represented the Respondent Mother, a serving policewoman in private children proceedings.

MPS -v- D -v- D

Mousumi represented the Metropolitan Police Service at a directions hearing in a case involving allegations of abuse made by a child against the Applicant Father.

CB -v- B

Mousumi represented the Applicant Father, based in Brazil, seeking to establish indirect contact with his child, who had to be located in the UK.

NP -v- JP

Mousumi represented the Applicant Husband in a final hearing in a financial proceedings matter and successfully argued the Applicant's Husband's debts were marital debts given the parties' outgoings throughout the duration of their marriage.

NA -v- SA

Mousumi represented the Applicant Mother in private children proceedings in a case with jurisdictional issues as the Respondent Father was residing in Turkey.

SF -v- JF

Mousumi represented the Applicant Husband in a financial proceedings matter and successfully argued he was entitled to 50% of the 'Right to Buy' grant despite not having his name on the tenancy agreement at the time of the grant.

JJ -v- KM

Final hearing in private children proceedings where Mousumi represented the Applicant Father and successfully obtained both direct and overnight contact for him with his children in a case involving multiple allegations of domestic violence, neglect and issues of deportation.

Memberships

- Lincoln's Inn
- Bar Human Rights Committee of England and Wales
- Human Rights Lawyers Association
- Family Law Bar Association