

ADVOCACY TRAINING IN FAMILY LAW**TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2026 – 13:30 – 16:15**

Registration:	13:00
Venue:	Queens Hotel, Meyrick Road, Bournemouth, Dorset BH1 3DL
Parking:	Complimentary parking is available at the hotel on a first-come, first-served basis. Alternatively, delegates may park at the nearby Carlton Hotel and pay on arrival - the entrance to this car park is located on Grove Road. There is also on-street parking available in the surrounding area.
Cost:	£100 Solicitor Member; Associate Member; Trainees (Solicitor, Cilex & Apprentices) £150 Non-Member of BDLS
Booking Reference:	666
CPD:	3
SRA Competence:	B https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/continuing-competence/cpd/competence-statement/

With more pressure on lawyers to do their own advocacy in family courts, this course will equip you with essential tips in being able to conducting advocacy in aspects of family law. There will be a particular focus on children care cases, ranging from private children law cases, emergency applications, interim hearings, contested hearings, and case management hearings. Safda will also cover advocacy in personal protection injunction cases and basic financial remedy cases.

This course is designed to support professionals working with parents, children, extended family members, and local authorities. The session will be valuable for Solicitors, Barristers, Chartered Legal Executives, Local Authority lawyers, trainees, paralegals, and support staff involved in this area of practice.

You will learn:

1. An understanding of the key issues surrounding Family Advocacy
2. An understanding of key principles and court etiquette
3. An understanding of the key issues surrounding conducting family advocacy

The topics covered will include, amongst others, the following:

- Understand good advocacy skills
- Court set up
- Become more confident, despite a 'difficult' opponent
- Effective preparation
- Calling Evidence
- Making good opening and closing speeches/submissions
- Carry out effective examination-in-chief and cross-examination
- Emergency Hearings
- Private Children Law Cases
- Basic Financial Remedy Cases
- Contested Hearings
- Non - Molestation and Occupation Order Applications

- **Case Management and Issues Resolution Hearings**

Speaker Profile:

The speaker, **SAFDA MAHMOOD** is a Team Leader and Solicitor in a Local Authority, as well as a nationally recognised Professional Development provider. Safda has been an approved member of the SRA list of CPD Providers. He has practiced and lectured in Family Law for over 31 years and is on the Law Society Children Law Accredited Panel, specialising in Children and Adoption Law.



As an author, he has written for various publications, such as Jordans' Family Law Journal, The Legal Executives Journal, Solicitors Journal and the Law Society and Local Government Bulletin. Safda is co-author of the title 'Child Care and Protection: Law and Practice: Seventh Edition'. He has written Covid-19 and Family Law in England and Wales – The Essential Guide' 1st Edition, by Law Brief Publishing, Children Law Handbook, 1st Edition, for the Law Society 2021, Special Guardianship and Adoption Law Handbook, 1st Edition, 2023

Please book online at:

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Course Notes: For environmental reasons, BDLS will no longer be providing printed course notes at lectures. Lecture notes will be emailed to delegates in advance for either printing or accessing via their laptop or alternative device on the day.

Payment for lectures: Please be aware that payment must be received at the office before the lecture takes place. Course bookings will only be confirmed upon payment. All payments are to be paid by BACS. No refunds within 7 days of the course.