

Farah Stehrenberger

General Information

Areas of work:

- Chancery contentious and non-contentious
- Property and Housing - Landlord and Tenant
- Contracts
- Family
- Commercial
- Mediation

Farah is known to win cases against the odds. She has worked with some notable clients who have frequently featured in national newspaper and TV reports. In 2019, she assisted a long term leaseholder against a High Street lender for mortgage repossession proceedings which was reported in the Financial Times.

Farah provides a subscription based 'virtual in-house' legal advice service for companies.

Her clients trust her independent judgement and therefore the majority of her work comes from client referrals. On some occasions the losing parties have asked her to represent them in their future legal proceedings and have also referred her to their friends.

Farah is dual qualified and a member of the Lahore Bar Association.

She sits on Reigate and Banstead Borough Council's Independent Remuneration Panel advising the council on councillors' allowances and expenses.

Since 2009, she has been providing free legal advice and representation to homeless and disadvantaged people. In 2018, she was appointed a trustee of a local charity called Renewed Hope. In 2019, she won the Mayor's Volunteer Award for her voluntary work in the community.

This is what Farah's numerous clients say about their experience of working with her:

"I was the applicant and LIP for a Child access application for my child. I had 3 hearings prior to approaching Farah. I approached Farah on direct access basis for a 2 days fact finding hearing. Although the schedule of allegations (Scott schedule) contained only six allegations, the sixth allegation about coercive control was substantiated through more than half the statement from the respondent's lengthy statement. Being on direct access basis and having no lawyers involved, Farah agreed to take the case. From the very initial talk I quite liked Farah's frank and professional approach. I was already quite shaken up by the lengthy litigation process.

During the Approach to the hearing Farah kept me engaged and informed. We initially agreed to have only one conference call, however, due to the sheer volume and the enormous size of the bundle I was conscious if that was enough. Farah had a very detailed second conference call with me at no extra charge, out of her own personal time (on a Sunday) and addressed all my fears and concerns.

Since I was quite anxious about the hearing, Farah agreed to do the hearing with me from the same office as the hearing was conducted via MS Teams. Her attention to detail, her persistence, her grasp of the case history and subject matter was phenomenal. As part of my evidence I had hundreds of pages of messages which Farah thoroughly cross examined my ex wife on, and I was taken aback by her attention to detail on the subject. Farah not only demolished the allegations in the cross examination but she managed to overturn those allegations on to the party making those allegations. She did not miss a single

detail in her cross examinations and thoroughly exhausted all possible avenues. Her no fuss, down to earth and professional style put me right at ease from the very start and throughout.

In my brief encounter I found that Farah is also heavily engaged with local community and charity. Her empathetic and professional style was much well received and appreciated by a parent already suffering from separation from the child. For that I will be eternally thankful."

"I would like to thank Farah and really appreciate what she done for me. I had a telephone discussion with Farah 3 weeks before my hearing and she was very professional and listened to my instructions carefully. I sent Farah all the documents for my case and she looked into it in so much detail that when it came to the actual hearing she never missed a single point. In the cross-examination Farah was in contact with me every step of the way and was fantastic throughout the hearing. She was cross examining for 6 hours in so much detail, she was straight to the point, mentioned everything I wanted her to mention without question and she was very understanding. No doubt I would definitely recommend Farah Stehrenberger for private family law matters especially fact-finding hearings and assure you will not be disappointed with her service and in fact will come out the other end with the results you want. My ex-wife made a number of serious untrue allegations against me, the outcome of my case was that I was cleared of all the allegations, and instead judge decided that my ex-wife had been doing the things she was alleging against me."

"I firstly approached Carpe Diem Paralegals regarding my divorce financials. After they heard my story they suggested I get a barrister directly and put me in contact with Clerksroom. It was short notice as my hearing was in two weeks and I was given a choice of three different barristers. Farah was one of the choices and after reading her profile she sounded too good to be true. At my previous FDR hearing the judge had indicated that the odds were stacked against me. I contacted Farah and explained my story and that I felt I hadn't been listened to as I had attended my previous hearing unrepresented. I gave Farah all the details and the points that I felt were important and the outcome I was after. On the day of the hearing I was extremely nervous and expecting the worst outcome. However within the first half hour in court Farah was addressing my issues and already appearing to be swaying the judge in favour of myself. I started to feel at ease and when we stopped for a 10 minute break we both agreed we had a good feeling from the judge. Sure enough Farah had done an outstanding job and covered every aspect thoroughly and provided enough evidence in my favour, that the response barrister was pretty much left speechless and had no defence. There was only one clear winner on the day and it's all thanks to Farah. Hopefully I will never be in this situation again but if I were I would most definitely not hesitate in using Farah again. I can't recommend her highly enough. Massive thank you for your outstanding work."

"Farah has the ability to resolve issues in a manner that appear not to alienate either parties and I find this a refreshing approach in relation to the practice of Law. She also has an edge which can show to the other side where necessary. I feel better knowing that I can consult Farah because I have not been able to find other solicitors and indeed counsel with this kind of approach"

"She is not phased, nor dissuaded by interim negative results, and pragmatically finds a way though, and moves on to create a positive result for the customer. Farah directly negotiated the reversal of an adverse property situation in 2016 at the county courts between myself and Skipton Building Society, actually putting both parties back on a firm and mutually respected footing. Farah is a very good communicator, is sympathetic to clients' stressful challenges, but does not allow them to affect her performance or strategy"

"efficient, reliable, courteous and pleasure to work with"

"Farah's attention to detail leaves no stone unturned and I couldn't be more appreciative of her efforts to ensure we drafted a good claim."

"I have dealt with a number of lawyers but I have found Farah Stehrenberger very professional in her approach to different cases with an excellent knowledge of law and procedure and feel confident only in her advice in dealing with my legal matters"

"Fantastic service"

"Very good, prompt service"

"Brilliant start to finish"

"In my 18 years of working in the property industry I have dealt with and evicted many tenants. In early 2016, I had two particular

tenants who were being difficult to evict and who were also in rent arrears. We needed a positive and speedy outcome with this case and I was immediately in touch with Farah to help with this. I instructed Farah, she handled the case from start to finish, she represented the landlord in Canterbury County Court, I attended the court on behalf of the landlord and had an opportunity to observe her in and out of the court.

The tenants were represented by a CAB advisor who, prior to the hearing, advised us to withdraw the case because of a technical issue. I was absolutely stunned by this but Farah took control and handled it perfectly for us. She advised the CAB advisor that she would proceed to seek a 14 days possession order. Before the Judge, the CAB advisor argued her case and Farah did hers. She clearly pointed out the law with regards to the technicality, which the Judge agreed with and the Judge gave us the 14 days possession order with costs and money judgment.

I was absolutely delighted with this as I had seen it as testament to Farah's tenacity and feel that my experience with other solicitors may not have given us the same outcome had I not instructed her. It has been a breath of fresh air dealing with her as she always guides me with the potential options and explains possible outcomes clearly and concisely."

"Thanks very much, excellent job."

"Brilliant work from Farah – a complex case and she is doing an excellent job"

"Throughout the process I found her to be both professional and calm and to possess the determination required to see the process through to a favourable conclusion"

"Extremely thorough, above and beyond requested"

"Thank you Farah, would 100% recommend"

"Excellent, good clear instructions and pleasure to work with"

"Farah assisted my client to prepare her Defence and assisted her all the way through the case and represented my client in court. The time Farah spent going through the details of what rent was paid, when it was not and the actual sum owed based on the crude client notes will have been time-consuming. I attended the hearing with my client and I was able to observe Farah before a Judge. Farah was educated, knowledgeable and firm in light of an ever-growing frustrated tenant. Despite many efforts by the tenants, who were advised by a solicitor and their local council that they had a good case, my client was successful in her Defence, the tenants' case was thrown out and the Judge ordered possession within 14 days.

The tenants subsequently left the property after 14 days which was a great relief to my client and enhanced my reputation with her, having been able to connect her with someone with Farah's expertise. I work with a number of solicitors firms throughout Sussex of varying sizes, and different parts of their business whose services my clients require and I would have no hesitation in requesting Farah's assistance again in similar circumstances"

"Efficient, professional and highly recommended"

"Farah is fantastic, unflappable, very flexible and can go straight to the point, [I] have no hesitation in using her again"

"Very prompt and professional"

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"I think Farah has a real talent for bringing mediated responses to difficult legal situations. She is able to be supportive (to the client) but also has the ability to show her depth of understanding and quick reactions in dealing with legal issues"

"Great communication"

"Excellent work"

"Brilliant job, could not fault"

"I was immediately impressed by Farah's professional approach as soon as she took our case. I am satisfied with the outcome of the case and the way Farah dealt with it"

"Great service, really helpful with great input and suggestions, really pleased with the work"

"Really pleased with the work, will use again, quick and helpful with great input"

"Farah understood my situation, both by e-mail and phone. More than happy with how she handled this situation and with the correspondence sent on my behalf. A really nice understanding lady"

"Thank you very much for your help looking over my lease and then drafting a letter of amendments, you are extremely professional and very helpful and kind"

"Farah understood what we want and delivered [the] exact thing, well recommended"

"Very efficient and hard working. I am sure we will work with Farah again very soon"

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