SEN Lawyer Links

If you are looking for additional help, there are free services such as <u>IPSEA</u> and <u>SOS!SEN</u> as well as the NAS Advocacy Service is your child has ASD. You may decide, however, that you would prefer to use the services of an SEN Expert Lawyer. Below are the names of some such experts. If you are an education lawyer not on this list or you know of a lawyer that you can personally recommend, please <u>contact me</u>

• <u>SEN Barristers</u> - Gulshanah Choudhri has a child of her own with Down's Syndrome, so as well as legal expertise, she has a personal understanding of the SEN issues. She stresses that, due to recent changes, she can offer a full service from initial consultation through to Tribunal, if necessary.

"With Gulshanah fighting in your corner and bringing her incisive mind and laser like cross examination skills to bear upon proceedings, you can feel confident that she will expose inconsistencies in the expert witnesses of the LA. I for one have had the privilege of seeing her in action and cannot commend her services highly enough." Barrie Griffiths, Portsmouth

- <u>Douglas Silas Solicitors</u> -I have met Douglas and he is dedicated to the SEN cause. He also has an extremely informative website. (North London based)
- <u>SEN Legal</u> Principal Solicitor is Melinda Nettleton and she is supported by Karen McAtamney and Adam Ottaway Friel. (Suffolk based)

"SEN Legal represented us and managed to secure us a placement at More House School. We definitely couldn't have done it without them. Sally Brockaway

- Maxwell Gillott Quoted in Chambers and Partners 2011: Education: Individuals, Elaine Maxwell has been advising on provision for severely disabled pupils. Sources say she has a "phenomenal understanding of the issues that parents dealing with SEN face." (Various locations)
- <u>Anthony Collins LLP</u> I have met <u>Inez Brown</u> of this company and she is very well informed, highly experienced and committed. They are based in Birmingham
- <u>Children's Legal Practice</u> "We have acted in connection with numerous appeals to the Special Educational Needs & Disability Tribunal. These appeals have included cases involving statutory assessments, contents of statement, ceasing to maintain statements and Part 4 of the statement." (Hampshire based)
- <u>AM Phillips</u> "As both a professional, working within the field of education law, and as a parent of a son with special educational needs, I understand the pressures that parents experience on a daily basis." (London, Wales)
- <u>Sinclairs Law</u> "leading experts in the field of Special Education Needs (SEN) & Education Law, acting throughout England & Wales." (Birmingham, Cardiff, London based)
- JMW "JMW Solicitors are experts in all aspects of special educational needs law; for over a decade JMW Solicitors' medical negligence team has been dedicated to this tricky area of the law." (Manchester/Salford based)
- Moore Blatch "Let our wealth of experience in this niche area of law work for your child" Leena Hurloll, Senior Solicitor (South)

- <u>CDLaw</u> (Robert Love) "Christopher Davidson's experienced education law team is dedicated to helping ensure that your child receives the education he or she needs." (Cheltenham based)
- <u>Fisher Jones Greenwood LLP</u> "Fisher Jones Greenwood's education law advice service is available to anyone with concerns about a child's or their own education." (Essex based)
- <u>Turners Solicitors</u> "We specialise in representing parents of children with special educational needs whatever their diagnosis" (Wales based)
- <u>Langley Wellington</u> "Langley Wellington has a very experienced team dedicated specifically to all aspects of education law. The team's success rate in SENDIST Appeals is around 90%." (Gloucester based)
- <u>Match Solicitors</u> "Match Solicitors are experts in assisting children with special educational needs." (London based)
- <u>Stones Solicitors</u> "Do you have matters relating to schooling which you are concerned about or do you know others who might? If the answer is 'Yes', then Stones is able to offer advice on all Education Law matters." (Devon based)
- Allen & Co "Education law is our primary area of expertise. Advice and help is provided on school admission appeals, exclusions, school transport, special educational needs (SEN), equality and discrimination matters and more general education or school issues." (Buckinghamshire based)
- <u>Education Advocacy</u> "Education Advocacy is a specialist legal consultancy, which provides legal support and guidance to parents of children with special educational needs." (Somerset based)

"We used Nigel Pugh of Education Advocacy. He was very reasonable and I do not feel the outcome would have been the same without him. My son is now fully funded at a special school" J Faux

• Advocacy & Mediation "We are experts in supporting parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities"

"I can highly recommend SEN advocate Fiona Slomovic of Advocacy & Mediation. Fiona helped secured a place for my AS son at a Cambian AS-specific school with a waking day curriculum without going to tribunal. I recommend her to everyone. She is highly experienced and wins most of her tribunals" A Elliott

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