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Practice overview

"Mr Baek offers outstanding client care and his advocacy is exceptional."

"Tae has been brilliant!"

Taehyun joined Chambers in October 2022. He accepts instructions in civil and family law, and is building a strong advocacy practice in both areas. He also provides drafting and advisory services. Taehyun speaks Korean and is happy to represent Korean clients in family and civil litigation in courts in England and Wales.

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He has been described as an "excellent" advocate for his commitment to client care and advocacy. Recent feedback from instructing solicitors includes: *"It was a pleasure working with Mr. Baek and will definitely recommend for future hearings"* and *"my barrister today was amazing and if possible please can he represent me at the next hearing?"* and *"I am writing to express my gratitude to Taehyun for his thorough preparation for the hearing and professional advice given throughout the matter. Taehyun has been very responsive to my emails & requests throughout, his advice given was clear and straight to the point. Taehyun is an excellent counsel, and it is my pleasure to work with him."*

Taehyun has a busy practice in the family court representing clients in private children law, family finance disputes and domestic abuse injunctions. He also has years of experience in general civil litigation. He previously worked as an in-house Advocate at DAC Beachcroft, and continues to represent clients in RTA, Credit Hire, and personal injury claims.

Prior to joining the Bar, Taehyun volunteered with vulnerable communities in Ukraine and Australia. He also went on a humanitarian mission in Vanuatu, focused on enabling diplomacy between native tribes and teaching English to young people. Taehyun is apt at working with vulnerable clients and he understands the importance of advising the client according to their unique circumstances.

Family finances

Taehyun is building his practice in family financial disputes. He accepts instructions for First Directions Appointments, Financial Dispute Resolution hearings and Final hearings. He is often instructed in cases where there are financial disputes as well as disputes over children. Recent client feedback includes: "*Tae did a wonderful job leading the matter in relation to both the child and financial remedy proceedings from start to finish. His preparation, conduct, and advocacy throughout were exemplary, and we (the solicitors and the law client) were very pleased with the outcome.*"

In a recent case, Taehyun represented the applicant wife who made a s.37 Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 application to set aside a disposition of property made with the intention of defeating her claim for financial relief. Taehyun was successful in obtaining relief from sanction which enabled the client to pursue her s.37 application.

Due to his experience in civil litigation, he is familiar with the more technical and financial aspects of financial disputes. He is also able to act in TOLATA disputes about the ownership of property.

Children law (private)

Taehyun accepts instructions in all aspects of private children cases, including applications for Child Arrangements Orders, Specific Issue Orders, and all types of hearings from directions and case management hearings to fact finds and final hearings.

Taehyun is efficient and well prepared for all of his cases which means that he is very effective in cross examination and submissions. He is on top of the details in his cases, which gives his clients confidence that he is able to understand the issues and represent their interests effectively. He has recently completed a 5 day fact finding hearing dealing with serious allegations regarding his client's conduct, and was commended by the client who was very pleased with the way the case was presented.

Taehyun has experience of international family law, having represented a respondent mother in a complex case involving issues of alcohol use, permission to travel to a Non-Hague Convention country and collusion between the applicant father and her ex-partner. Through careful preparation and focused advocacy, he successfully persuaded the Court to prevent the father from taking the children to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, which involved considerable risks to the children's welfare. Taehyun was complimented for his excellent advocacy and client care.

Injunctions / Domestic Abuse

Taehyun represents clients for cases involving domestic abuse and applications for injunctions, including Non-Molestation Orders and Occupation Orders.

His commitment to client care and empathetic qualities enable him to engage with clients on a personal level. He is good at picking up cases at short notice and at mastering the facts in order to be able to argue effectively on behalf of his clients.

Personal injury, insurance and credit hire

Taehyun is experienced in personal injury and credit hire litigation. He previously worked as an in-house Advocate at DAC Beachcroft, a City firm well known for its work in the insurance sector. He accepts instructions for both claimants and defendants and is up-to-date with recent developments in personal injury law.

Recently, he succeeded in an RTA claim representing the claimant who was awarded full damages, including a credit hire claim, and costs. He has also recently worked on a PI matter where the Claimant was successful after a fast track trial and was awarded costs on the indemnity basis.

Taehyun is familiar with the intricacies of credit hire and the extensive case law. He is frequently instructed in these cases and enjoys the challenges which they bring!

Civil and property litigation

Taehyun has years of experience in general civil litigation. He acts for both claimants and defendants, and accepts instructions in small claims and fast track cases. For example, he recently represented a client in a contract dispute where an application to strike out was made and where there was a good level of fees recovery for his client. Taehyun previously worked as a County Court Advocate working on cases relating to mortgage and housing matters, bankruptcy and the Consumer Credit Act.

He has also represented clients in cases involving contentious probate issues and TOLATA. In addition, Taehyun has worked in housing arbitration with the London Borough of Southwark.

Taehyun is expanding his civil practice and actively encourages instructions for advocacy as well as drafting and advisory work.

Education

- LLB. Laws, London School of Economics, 2017
- Legal Practice for Barristers, BBP Law School, 2019 with Distinction

Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association
- Resolution

Prizes

- Exhibition Scholarship from the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, 2018
- International Human Rights Course at the Leitner Centre for Human Rights (New York), 2015

Languages

- Korean

Notable Cases

T v T: Taehyun represented the respondent mother in a complex case involving issues of alcohol use, permission to travel to a Non-Hague Convention country and collusion between the applicant father and her ex-partner. He successfully persuaded the Court to prevent the father from taking the children to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, which involved considerable risks to the children's welfare.

M v E: 5-day fact finding hearing in private children proceedings where a range of serious

allegations had been made against Taehyun's client, and contact with their children was being frustrated.

Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead v W: Taehyun successfully persuaded the court to make no order against his client who was committed for breach of an exclusion order. He identified a procedural error which meant that his client could not be found in contempt of the court order.

Re M: Taehyun represented the mother of a child who was subject to an interim care order successfully obtaining a supervision order in place of a care order.

K v Admiral Group Plc: RTA small claim in which Taehyun was successful in obtaining a judgment on liability for the Claimant, who was awarded full damages including a claim for credit hire.