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## Courtenay Griffiths QC

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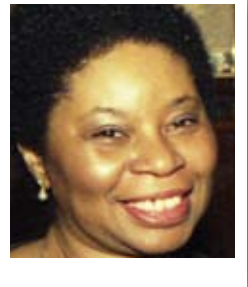
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## Joy Okoye ➔

Joy Okoye is head of the Chambers of Joy Okoye at Gray's Inn. She was called to the Bar in 1981 and became a Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria in 1982. Joy specializes in family law and child protection. She has undertaken a number of high-profile cases involving trans-racial foster placements, in particular a case in 1997, involving two Nigerian boys, which is now regarded as an authority on bi-racial placements. Joy has undertaken expert advisory work for the British Association for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF). She is also frequently called up to give expert evidence in court on African law (Islamic, in particular) relating to children and matrimony. In 2001 she represented the London Borough of Brent on the most high-profile UK child murder case (Victoria Climbié) of recent years. The inquiry led to further reforms to the way in which child protection measures are implemented in the UK, including the creation of a Universal Child Database.



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