

Family & Child Law

Your Training Guide

August - December 2017

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Certificate in Family Law and Procedure

Speaker: Stephen Parker

An intensive two day course designed to give you a thorough grounding in family law for those wishing to specialise in this area of work. Whether you are returning to practice, transferring to family law, a newly qualified fee earner or a trainee you will find this two day event packed with information and practical tips.

What you will learn:

Day One – Children

Private law – Resolving disputes between parents

- Parental responsibility
- Child Arrangements Orders and the Child Arrangements Programme
- Change of Surname and other disputes
- Procedure, gatekeeping and allocation and hearings
- Funding issues

Public law – Children and local authorities

- Emergency protection and EPOs and ICOs
- Applications for assessments
- Pre-proceedings work
- Care and supervision orders
- Court procedure and hearings
- Children and Families Act and the PLO
- The 26 week time limit and exceptions
- Use of experts

Day Two – Divorce and finance

- Divorce
- The role of mediation; compulsory MIAMS and other dispute resolution options
- Financial orders after divorce and civil partnership dissolution
- Procedures, documents and hearings
- Section 25 and the discretion of the court
- Periodical payments and capitalisation
- Pensions and their treatment
- Costs
- Cohabitation and property rights
- Property rights
- The Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996

London 18 - 19 Sep

Foundation **B C D**

12 hours

£420 + VAT Package price
£480 + VAT CLT Members/£960 + VAT Non-members

Family Law 2017 Update

Speaker: Stephen Parker
or Elissa Da Costa Waldman

This course is an indispensable update for the busy specialist Family Law Practitioner of the previous legal year backed up with a comprehensive set of notes for future reference along with expert analysis.

Divorce

Including recognition of marriage and jurisdictional issues

Financial Orders

Treatment of non-matrimonial assets, pensions, trusts, pre and post nuptial agreements and spousal support. Cases highlighting issues of disclosure, conduct, enforcement, costs, appeals and publicity will also be covered, as will schedule 1 Children Act and cohabitation financial claims.

Private Children Law

Parental responsibility, removal from the jurisdiction, Section 91(4), HFEA, funding, costs and enforcement.

Public Children Law

Jurisdiction, interim orders, supervision orders, beyond Re B, establishing threshold, fact finding hearings, radicalization and hearing the voice of the child.

Adoption and Placement Orders

Case law, practice points and appeals

London 18 Aug, 27 Oct

Chesterfield 21 Sep

Leeds 26 Sep

Penrith 3 Oct

Newcastle 10 Oct

Birmingham 18 Oct

Leicester 26 Oct

Southampton 31 Oct

Manchester 24 Nov

HOT TOPIC

Returner's Course: Family Law

Speaker: Mena Ruparel

Intensive update on changes in family law for lawyers returning to practice or moving to specialise in family law.

There have been major changes to the whole family justice system as the President's modernisation reforms take effect. This is a challenging time to return to practice, with significant structural changes, new statute, procedural rules changes and case law developments to catch up on.

You will learn:

- The scope of the President's reforms
- The structure and practice of the Single Family Court including issuing proceedings, gatekeeping and allocation, and hearings
- Changes to family financial remedy proceedings including the MAP and standard orders
- Case law update on finances; where we are now on periodical payments, capital, contributions, negotiations and costs
- Changes to children law proceedings including the Child Arrangements Programme
- Case law update on key children cases
- Funding update
- Dispute resolution; mediation, MIAMs, arbitration

This day is for solicitors or paralegals with some experience of practice.

London

12 Sep

Update **B** **C** **D**

6 hours

£210 + VAT Package price

£240 + VAT CLT Members/£480 + VAT Non-members

Intermediate **B** **C** **D**

6 hours

£210 + VAT Package price

£240 + VAT CLT Members/£480 + VAT Non-members

Forced Marriage: A Guide to the Law **NEW**

Speaker: Clare Renton

Forced Marriage was for many years hidden from public gaze. Now legislation exists to tackle the issue, but many remain unfamiliar with the law. This course will guide you through what to look for and how to manage when the issue surfaces in your practice.

You will learn:

- The meaning of marriage and forced marriage in England and Wales
- Forced Marriage Protection Orders:
 - Who can apply?
 - What is the process of application?
 - Who can commit the offence of forcing marriage?
- The Court options
- The role of the Official Solicitor
- Resourcing protection
- Protection for victims: where to turn
- The role of local authorities
- Capacity and consent issues in forced
- The international implications
- Sections 120 and 121 of Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014
- The offence of breaching a Forced Marriage Protection Order
- The criminal law around forced marriage: assault and rape issues
- 'Honour'-based crime

London 29 Sep pm

Foundation **B**

3 hours

£105 + VAT Package price

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The Average Money Divorce: The Junior Lawyer's Guide to Success

Speaker: Mena Ruparel

Make the most of limited resources and resolve cases quickly and effectively.

This workshop takes you through the whole process of dealing with a financial remedy case from the preparation of the Form E, analysis of the 'usual' financial disclosure, through to preparing the negotiation correspondence to try to settle the case.

- How to fund the average case post LASPO
- How and when to use voluntary disclosure, mediation, collaborative law and arbitration
- How to manage the client's expectations from first instruction onwards
- How to apply Section 25 Matrimonial Causes Act criteria
- Analysing financial disclosure
- How to identify and narrow issues prior to the First Directions Appointment
- Instructing experts; property and pension valuations
- Approaches for dealing with pensions and maintenance
- Negotiation handling

This course is designed for any practitioner in their first few years of family work.

Birmingham 21 Sep
London 26 Sep, 5 Dec

Effective Drafting in Matrimonial Finance

Speaker: Mena Ruparel

It has never been more important for you, as a busy matrimonial practitioner, to draft documents effectively to ensure the most positive outcome for your client.

This practical and interactive course will use a working case study to illustrate best practice in drafting.

You will learn about:

- Pleading your client's case by effective completion of the Form E
- Drafting the statement of issues and questionnaires
- Financial schedules and summaries
- Effective drafting of answers to questionnaires
- Offer letters – open and without prejudice
- Instruction of experts
- Skeleton arguments
- Consent orders/heads of agreements, effective drafting with an eye on enforcement
- Preparation for the final hearing, drafting the index to the trial bundle
- Narrative statements – s.25 MCA 1973

This is a foundation level course for those wishing to focus on the fundamentals of drafting.

Manchester 12 Oct
London 26 Oct

Foundation **B C D**

5 hours

£175 + VAT Package price

£200 + VAT CLT Members/£400 + VAT Non-members

Foundation **B C D**

6 hours

£210 + VAT Package price

£240 + VAT CLT Members/£480 + VAT Non-members

HOT TOPIC

Masterclass in Unmarried Couples, Separation and TOLATA Claims

Speakers: Gwyn Evans and Gerald Wilson

This day will provide you with a comprehensive guide to TOLATA claims in the context of family work to meet the challenges of this difficult area. Unfamiliarity with Civil Procedure Rules, costs, the risk of taking claims to court and difficulties with quantification are just some of the issues that practitioners face.

Property fundamentals:

- Declarations of trust
- MPPA 1970
- Priority of interests, occupiers and overreaching
- Land Registry

Sole ownership and joint ownership claims:

- Claims against a sole owner and claims between co-owners
- Displacing express agreements
- Proprietary estoppel

Negotiating a settlement:

- Assessing the case
- Quantifying the claim
- Negotiating
- Drafting

Remedies:

- Buy-out, sale and postponement of sale
- Equitable accounting
- Occupational rent
- Mortgage payments

Interaction with other claims:

- Schedule 1 CA 1989
- 975 Inheritance Act
- Money claims
- Life policies, credit card debts and possessions
- Claims between married couples
- Third party interests
- Creditors, insolvency and confiscation orders

Practice and Procedure:

- Pre-action steps
- Making the claim
- Evidence and disclosure
- The hearings
- Tactics and procedural considerations
- Part 36, settlement and costs orders
- Costs management and proportionality

Cohabitation Agreements and Declarations of Trust:

- Law, Practice and Drafting Tips

London 4 Oct

Intermediate **B** **C**

6 hours

£210 + VAT Package price
£300 + VAT CLT Members/£600 + VAT Non-members

Pensions on Divorce; A Foundation for Family Lawyers **NEW**

Speaker: Helen Howcroft

This course is an essential introduction to dealing with pension issues in family finance cases.

The treatment of pensions on divorce is a complicated topic and one that many practitioners find challenging. In many cases a pension is one of the most significant financial assets to be dealt with on divorce and failure to deal properly with pensions can cause serious problems.

This half day course covers:

- Introduction to pensions
- Valuation of pension rights
- Methods of settlement
- Consulting an expert
- The pension sharing process

The course is suitable for all practitioners wanting an overview of the different types of pension and how they can (and should) be treated in divorce proceedings.

London *18 Oct am*

Foundation **B**

3 hours

£105 + VAT Package price

£120 + VAT CLT Members/£240 + VAT Non-members

Pensions on Divorce; The Next Level for Family Lawyers **NEW**

Speaker: Helen Howcroft

This course takes pensions knowledge to the next level for more experienced family lawyers.

Pensions are often a significant financial asset in divorce proceedings and are one of the more complex issues that family lawyers have to deal with. You will know the fundamentals and may deal with pensions regularly, but may feel that you have gaps in your knowledge or that you'd like to understand the detail better.

This half day course will give more experienced practitioners the chance to look in more detail at the trickier elements of how pensions should be treated in divorce proceedings from start to finish and from the perspective of an experienced pensions expert.

London *18 Oct pm*

Intermediate **B**

3 hours

£105 + VAT Package price

£120 + VAT CLT Members/£240 + VAT Non-members

HOT TOPIC

Children Law Accreditation: Approved 3 Day Course

Speakers: Fiona Cadwaladr and Tim Lewis

This Law Society approved course is for qualified solicitors and FILEX wishing to represent any party in public law proceedings whether children, adults or local authorities and who wish to apply for membership of the Law Society's Children Law Accreditation Scheme (formerly the Children Panel).

The course is intermediate level and is skills based; you will have appropriate knowledge and experience in public and private law proceedings as required by the accreditation criteria. You will then have six months from completing this course to apply for membership of the panel and you need to meet the appropriate criteria at the date of making your application for accreditation. The course encourages active participation and discussion throughout.

You will learn:

- Child development – assessing competence of children
- Attachment – good enough parenting
- Indicators of significant harm
- Communicating with children
- Issues of confidentiality and privilege
- The role and duties of the children's guardian
- The role of the child's solicitor
- Working with the children's guardian
- Advocacy in children's cases
- Local authority structures
- Communication with parties
- Instruction and use of experts
- Linked care and criminal proceedings
- Care planning
- Contact with children in care
- Case management and the Family Court
- Public Law Outline as finalised in the Children and Families Act
- Procedure, documents, timetabling and hearings under the new scheme

This course is specifically for those lawyers and legal executives who meet the requirements of and wish to apply to join the Law Society's Accreditation Scheme.

Fiona and Tim were great teachers who both clearly have an in-depth knowledge and passion for their area

Leeds	<i>20 - 22 Sep</i>
London	<i>11 - 13 Oct</i>
Birmingham	<i>6 - 8 Dec</i>

Intermediate **B C D**

£630 + VAT Package price

18 hours

£720 + VAT CLT Members/£1,440 + VAT Non-members

Private Child Law Update

Speaker: Graham Pegg

These are challenging times for lawyers dealing with private children law and this course will tackle the real issues that confront you in practice on a regular basis. This half day course will review the recent case law and consider the Child Arrangements Programme to get you up to speed in this new regime.

What you will learn:

- The new provisions of the Children & Families Act in private law
- The workings of parental responsibility – including step-parents and same sex couples
- The provisions of the new Child Arrangements Programme
- Gatekeeping, allocation and timetabling under the new programme
- The consequences of the end of residence and Contact Orders
- Specific Issue Orders – religious and educational upbringing
- Relocation within the UK
- International Relocation – the latest case law
- Dealing with litigants in person and McKenzie Friends
- Costs Orders

This course is for all family lawyers, trainees, paralegals and legal executives wanting to update their knowledge of private law children work.

Birmingham	4 Oct am
London	6 Oct am
Manchester	18 Oct am

Update **B**

3 hours

£105 + VAT Package price

£120 + VAT CLT Members/£240 + VAT Non-members

Public Child Law Update

Speaker: Graham Pegg

The Children and Families Act is here, implementing the PLO and formalising other changes. Case law in this area has also been developing apace, giving guidance on important aspects of this area of work.

This half day course is designed to bring you, the busy practitioner, up to date on the key issues that impact on your day to day practice of public law. The significant changes to legislation, to procedure and the recent case law will be dealt with in a practical and informative training session.

What you will learn:

- The key elements of the Children and Families Act
- Procedure now that the PLO is finalised
- Threshold criteria – shared care cases
- Instruction of Experts; the new regime
- Interim Orders – the Human Rights Act injunction
- The current public funding issues
- Professional Privilege – the pitfalls
- S.38(6) Orders – a creative approach
- Costs Orders
- An overview of recent cases in public law
- Detailed understanding of the recent leading cases

This course is for all family lawyers, trainees, paralegals and legal executives.

Really enjoyed it. It wasn't boring and Graham was very enthusiastic, funny and informative. Great job!

Birmingham	4 Oct pm
London	6 Oct pm
Manchester	18 Oct pm

Update **B**

3 hours

£105 + VAT Package price

£120 + VAT CLT Members/£240 + VAT Non-members

Acting for Parents in Care Proceedings

Speaker: Graham Pegg

The lawyers who act for the Local Authority and the Guardian ad Litem may have years of specialist experience; the parents' solicitor may, initially at least, be a far more general practitioner and feel unnecessarily disadvantaged.

This course will give you the edge when dealing with care proceedings:

- How to deal with the pre-proceedings stage
- The case conference
- Emergency Protection Orders and other urgent remedies
- Part VI Family Law Act in care cases
- The care application, the 'threshold criteria' and standards of proof
- The process, documents, timetabling and hearings
- Comprehensive assessment, risk assessment and residential assessment
- How to use experts under the new rules
- The final hearing; care order, supervision order or neither
- Contact with children in care
- Adoption and placement for adoption
- How to work within the context of funding constraints

This course is ideal for solicitors, paralegals and trainees practising care law, wanting to improve their practice and for those new to care work and wishing to act for parents.

Birmingham	11 Oct
London	25 Oct

Intermediate



6 hours

£210 + VAT Package price

£240 + VAT CLT Members/£480 + VAT Non-members

Care and Adoption Workshop

Speaker: Graham Pegg

This course looks at particular problem areas in care and placement for adoption cases from the point of view of practitioners acting for parents, local authorities and children within the radically changing landscape for child care lawyers.

You will get the chance to update your practice, considering many of the recent developments in public children law.

New subject areas will include:

- Update on the Revised Protocol, Split Hearings and Timescales;
- Eastern European Case Law
- The Special Guardianship and Adoption Trap
- Misuse of Section 20, Police Powers and Private Law applications

Graham Pegg is a fantastic trainer. He made delegates feel comfortable and invited us to ask as many questions as we wanted. I would highly recommend him

Leeds	29 Sep
London	13 Oct

Intermediate



6 hours

£210 + VAT Package price

£240 + VAT CLT Members/£480 + VAT Non-members

Interviewing Witnesses: How to Unlock Their Memories

Speaker: Dave Barney

The SRA Competence Statement makes it clear that solicitors must be capable of “obtaining relevant information through effective use of questioning and active listening”. This is sometimes easier said than done when the events in question took place several years before.

This course teaches you how to use techniques based on cognitive interviewing that really work in getting information out of witnesses.

It uses a series of memory retrieval techniques to increase the amount of information that can be obtained from a witness or client.

Cognitive interviewing is successfully used in some of the largest UK law firms and will increase the completeness and accuracy of what your witnesses can remember, helping them to remember clearly things that happened many months, or even many years ago. It will also enable you to:

- Assess litigation risks and make decisions about a case
- Prepare cases and take statements based on the full facts
- Obtain up to 40% more relevant information
- Obtain uncontaminated evidence from witnesses
- Obtain more facts and details from witnesses first time, reducing the need for costly re-interviews

London 4 Dec

Intermediate **C** **D**

6 hours

£210 + VAT Package price

£240 + VAT CLT Members/£480 + VAT Non-members

Residential Property: An Intensive Introduction for Qualified Practitioners

Speaker: Lorraine Richardson

This intensive and practical course is aimed at those qualified practitioners looking to change practice areas (for example, due to Legal Aid cuts) or for those returning after a career break. No prior knowledge of conveyancing (residential or otherwise) is required!

The course will provide a practical overview of residential conveyancing and the pitfalls which may occur on a daily basis in today’s market including:

- An overview of the conveyancing transaction
- Identifying your client and the source of funds – why this is your responsibility
- Review of searches available in the market – online or paper based?
- Conveyancing Quality Scheme – what is it all about?
- The Protocol and the new forms
- Key risk areas – CML and your duty to the lenders
- What is SDLT? how does it differ from Stamp Duty?
- Standard Conditions of Sale (5th edition)
- Changes in Land Registry practice – where did office copies go?

London 16 Oct

Foundation **B**

6 hours

£210 + VAT Package price

£240 + VAT CLT Members/£480 + VAT Non-members

Management & Personal Skills

The SRA continuing competence scheme means that solicitors need to **develop wider skills outside of their technical ability**. CLT's Management & Personal Skills courses have been developed to help you meet competence areas:

- C) Working with other people
- D) Managing yourself and your own work

Management Course Stage 1

London	22 Sep, 23 Oct
Manchester	2 Oct

Law Firm Management Masterclass

London	16-17 Oct
Manchester	11-12 Dec

SRA Accounts Rules for Accounts Staff

Manchester	18 Sep
London	22 Oct

SRA Accounts Rules: Achieving Compliance

London	9 Nov
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Understanding and Interpreting Company Accounts

London	7 Sep, 12 Dec
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Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Compliance Post the Money Laundering Regulations 2017

London	13 Sep
Manchester	4 Oct
Birmingham	11 Oct
Leeds	18 Oct

Conflicts and Confidentiality in Law Firms

Birmingham	8 Sep
London	30 Oct

Data Protection for the Compliance Officer

London	26 Oct
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Data Protection: Get Ready for the GDPR

Visit www.clt.co.uk for dates

Supervision: Essential Skills For Lawyers

London	8 Nov
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Managing and Motivating People

London 4 Oct
Birmingham 11 Oct

Performance Management and Capability Procedures: Making Them Work

London 8 Sep

Performance Management in Legal Practice

London 28 Sep

Developing an Effective Appraisal System for Continuing Competence

London 3 Oct
Manchester 17 Oct

Don't be an Ostrich: Effective Complaints Handling

London 12 Sep
Birmingham 15 Sep

Presentation Skills for Lawyers

London 7 Nov

Business Development for Lawyers

London 12 Oct

Client Experience Management (CEM), Client Care and Retention

London 5 Oct

Project Management for Transactional Lawyers

London 25 Oct

Getting the Very Most Out of Your Day

Birmingham 25 Sep
London 6 Oct

Confidence and You

London 26 Sep

Webinar Highlights

CLT offers an extensive library of webinars covering the latest hot topics and industry developments. Lasting one hour and costing from just £35, they are a perfect way of learning in bite-sized chunks at a time and place convenient for you.

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Private Children Law Update 2017

Speaker: Stephen Parker

This webinar provides a comprehensive update on case law developments in private children law in the past 12 months, backed up with a comprehensive set of notes.

It is an intermediate/advanced level webinar which provides the busy practitioner with a comprehensive panoramic update on case law developments in the preceding 12 months, to enable the cascading of knowledge and direct application of that learning to cases in advice, presentation and advocacy so you are completely up to date in the practical application of private children law.

Public Children Law Update

Speaker: Stephen Parker

Ensure that you are up to date with this essential Public Children Law webinar for busy family practitioners. You will hear about developments in case law across the preceding 12 months and will have a comprehensive set of notes along with slides to refer to.

Enforcing Family Orders Against the Self-Employed

Speaker: Mena Ruparel

The financial remedy orders have been made, but the respondent hasn't paid. Time to enforce the orders, but self-employed non payers can prove a real challenge.

This webinar will look at what methods of enforcement to use against someone who has no PAYE income. Using a practical case study the webinar will guide you through which methods of enforcement are possible what may be most effective.

Fact Finding Hearings in Children's Cases

Speaker: Stephen Parker

Getting the process right in determining disputed facts in public and private law children cases is critical.

If disputed allegations are dealt with wrongly, the consequences for children can be serious and senior judges have expressed concern at the way some cases have been handled.

How does guidance, such as that of Ryder LJ that split hearings must be confined to cases where there is "a stark or discrete issue to be determined and an early conclusion on that issue will enable the substantive determination . . . to be made more expeditiously" be applied in practice?

This webinar will give you the tools to apply best practice to your children cases when it comes to fact finding and split hearings.

Preparing for Changes to Child Maintenance in 2017

Speaker: Michelle Counley

Child maintenance is a complex area of law. With three different schemes on which maintenance can be calculated, together with a programme involving the closure of all old scheme cases, family lawyers need to be

up to date with the recent changes to child support law and the impact it may have on their clients. This webinar covers the changes ahead and the key elements of the new maintenance calculation scheme managed by Child Maintenance Service. Comprehensive notes will accompany the webinar, along with a copy of the slides.

Family Procedure Rules 2010: What's New?

Speaker: Stephen Parker

This webinar hosted by the author of the Law Society publication on the Family Procedure Rules talks you through the main amendments to the rules since their inception as well as the evolving case law surrounding them.

State Pension Reform for Divorce Lawyers

Speaker: Helen Howcroft

The Basic State Pension changed in April 2016 and this has had far reaching effects on non-working women especially. The key areas to consider are:

- A. A recap of the old rules
- B. The new rules in relation to:
 - a. What is the new maximum flat rate pension?
 - b. Circumstances where the maximum pension is reduced
 - c. Can the pension still be shared?
 - d. Understanding the new flat rate pension statement

This webinar is aimed at anyone with experience of dealing with pensions in a divorce and will educate you on the new rules of what is available in relation to the flat Rate pension and divorce.

Using Pensions to Help Fund Divorce

Speaker: Helen Howcroft

This webinar is designed for experienced divorce lawyers who are looking for creative ways in which pensions can be used to fund a divorce.

The key areas to be considered are:

- Lifetime allowance and the implications having a large pension could have on how a settlement is proposed
- Annual allowance and whether this is a tax efficient way to fund capital sums
- The implications of using pension tax free cash to fund divorce fees and/or settlements

Form E - Getting it Right

Speaker: Mena Ruparel

The Form E is the foundation of the family finance case. When it comes to issues at trial, the contents of the Form E can be critical. Whether the case is fully litigated, settled part way through a court process or dealt with in the context of voluntary disclosure, getting the Form E right is important.

This training will tackle fundamental issues about presenting the case in the preparation of the Form E.

Working With Litigants in Person in Family Cases - The New Guidance

Speaker: Mena Ruparel

Working with people representing themselves can be challenging. Learn how family lawyers can balance the needs of their own client with those of the litigant in person (LiP), whilst assisting the court and having an eye to the profitability of their own work.

Cases with unrepresented parties are increasing and the current family law reforms focus in part on ways of making the processes, documents and language more accessible to the LiP.

This webinar will take a practical look at the recommendations of the new Law Society guidance on working with litigants in person.

Our Speakers

CLT works with highly experienced legal experts and management training professionals to ensure we offer engaging, high-quality training that delivers the knowledge and skills our clients need to grow and succeed.

Dave Barney

Dave specialises in training lawyers in interviewing and investigating techniques. He has trained over 3000 lawyers in the last 15 years and has worked with all of the top 10 UK law firms.

Fiona Cadwaladr

Fiona worked as a social worker and then manager for Cornwall County Council. In 1998 she joined the Cornwall Panel of Guardians ad Litem and Reporting Officers. She continues to work as a self-employed children's guardian.

Elissa da Costa Waldman

Elissa is a practising Barrister who is NITA (National Institute of Trial Advocacy) trained to teach advocacy. Elissa has also published a book on Family and Matrimonial Law for Cavendish.

Gwyn Evans

As a member of the private client group at Tanfield, Gwyn specialises in trusts of land, ancillary relief (financial remedies), Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975 claims, private children disputes (including leave to remove and Schedule 1 cases), court of protection work (involving the Mental Capacity Act 2005) and contentious probate disputes. Gwyn regularly advises on merits, offers, tactics and overall strategy in both 'joint' and 'sole' names TLATA cases, litigating to trial as necessary. Gwyn brought the first claim in the High Court under the Presumption of Death Act 2013. He qualified as a family mediator (through ADR group) in 2011.

Helen Howcroft

Helen Howcroft, financial planner & managing director at Equanimity IFA Ltd, specialises in wealth and retirement planning, cashflow modelling, financial planning for business owners, investment advice, inheritance tax and estate planning. She aims to put clients first, speak in a language that they understand and to help them take control of their money by designing a financial plan based on their personal goals, life and ambitions

Tim Lewis

Tim is senior partner of Johnson and Gaunt, one of the country's leading set of children law practitioners. He has practised for over thirty years in the fields of child protection, children law and adoption. Tim is a Deputy District Judge and a well respected and experienced independent trainer and course presenter.

Stephen Parker

Stephen is a consultant with Greens Solicitors Ltd. He is a member of both the Law Society's children and advanced family law panels and sits as a Deputy District Judge and family law arbitrator. He is the author of the Law Society's publication "Family Procedure Rules 2010 – A Guide to the New Law" and is a Resolution accredited specialist.

Graham Pegg

Graham is a solicitor, independent trainer, and consultant with Pickerings Solicitors. Graham has been a member of the Law Society's Children's Panel since its inception and is a specialist in Children Law.

Clare Renton

Clare is a barrister at 29 Bedford Row. She has broad experience of family law and a particular emphasis on cases with an international dimension. She has reported cases on jurisdiction, child abduction, matrimonial finance, inheritance, surrogacy and international family law. She sat on the Forced Marriage Commission and is a fully accredited family mediator.

Lorraine Richardson

Lorraine is a Solicitor, specialising in residential conveyancing in a practice in Essex. Lorraine has a wealth of experience, and is also a co-editor of the popular and practical Law Society publication "Conveyancing Forms and Procedures".

Mena Ruparel

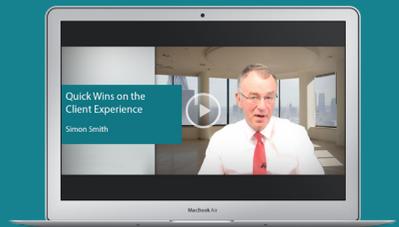
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