

GEORGINA CLARK

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ABOUT ME

Georgina is an experienced family law barrister who specialises in both children and financial remedies work.

In court Georgina is a ferocious advocate, dedicated to fighting her client's case. She is meticulously prepared and is known to go the extra mile to ensure that her clients have the very best representation possible. Outside of court Georgina is known as a friendly, likeable and down to earth barrister with an empathetic approach that puts her clients at ease. She is able to develop a strong and positive rapport with clients despite the hugely stressful circumstances they find themselves in.

EXPERIENCE

Georgina specialises in representing parents, grandparents and acting for children in public law and complex private law disputes. Georgina's cases have involved vulnerable learning disabled parents, force feeding, severe neglect and findings of fact involving allegations of cross generational sexual abuse, intractable child arrangements, injunctions, permanent and temporary leave to remove to Hague and non-Hague Convention countries.

Prior to coming to Chambers Georgina worked as an attorney in the Cayman Islands, specialising in all aspects of financial disputes, including those with an international element. Georgina's offshore experience has underscored her expertise in complex and high net worth financial disputes. Georgina now undertakes all areas of matrimonial finance including maintenance, injunctions, financial remedy proceedings, applications by persons seeking to intervene, Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989 and ToLATA 1996 cases.

Recent cases include:

- Public law case representing the father in proceedings involving allegations of sexual abuse and parental alienation. Children returned to father's care.
- Led Junior in complex care proceedings acting for a mother with learning difficulties in relation to 10th child of the family who had been removed at birth. Mother had previously been convicted of manslaughter of the 8th and 9th children of the family on the evidence of Professor Meadows. Conviction successfully appealed.
- Representative of stepfather facing allegations of rape of stepchild. Consideration of Re W [2010] UKSC 12 and courts approach to children giving evidence in family cases. Experience cross examining vulnerable child witness.
- Representation of mother in public law proceedings where the local authority sought permanent removal of the children primarily on the basis of the parents' inability to work honestly with

professionals. Children returned to parents in the face of opposition from the Local Authority and Guardian.

- Representation of father who faced allegations of cross-generational sexual abuse against several members of his family. All findings made by the Trial Judge successfully appealed and set aside by the Court of Appeal.
- Complex matrimonial finance proceedings involving multiple interveners asserting beneficial interests in an assortment of real property.
- Temporary leave to remove to a non-Hague Convention country where risks involved female genital mutilation of a 10 year old with Down's syndrome.

PRACTICE AREAS

Children

Family Finance

EDUCATION

LLB (Hons) London Guildhall University

LLM (Distinction) King's College London

CASES

W (Fact Finding: Hearsay Evidence) [2013] EWCA Civ 1374

Successful appeal against findings of serious sexual abuse by both child and adult complainants. Led by Jane Cross QC.

KM v Lambeth London Borough Council [2011] EWCA Civ 1125

Appeal by F against decision of Hedley J to restrict disclosure of M's medical report to F. Consideration of A Local Authority v A [2010] EWCA Civ 1057 regarding withholding evidence from a party to proceedings.