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OVERVIEW

Jackie is a very experienced barrister and mediator. She has been sitting as a deputy district judge in the family court since 2005. She is ticketed to hear financial remedy cases and private law children disputes. Jackie has also undertaken training as a psychoanalytic psychotherapist. She draws on all her skills and experience to deliver the outcomes her clients seek.

As a barrister Jackie is regularly instructed in challenging and complex cases. Her insight as a deputy district judge, alongside her psychotherapy training, provides an understanding of the emotional issues that underpin many cases. Jackie recognises that following the breakdown of a relationship couples are faced with an overload of uncertainty and need support, empathy and understanding. Jackie also delivers clear and realistic advice and has a focused and strategic approach to the outcome they wish to achieve.

Jackie is a qualified and Resolution accredited mediator and sits as a private FDR judge.

PRACTICE AREAS

Financial Remedy

Dispute Resolution; mediation and private FDRS

EXPERIENCE

Mediation

Jackie is an accredited Resolution trained mediator. She is one of the founding partners of [The Mediation Space](#), a psychotherapeutically informed mediation service.

She has considerable experience in enabling parties in high conflict cases to reach an agreement in mediation.

Private FDR judge/evaluator

Jackie uses her skills and experience as a highly effective private FDR judge/evaluator. Jackie has gained significant experience whilst sitting as a deputy district judge in the family court in managing dispute resolution.

As a barrister in financial remedy cases, Jackie has a vast amount of experience in dealing with the full range of financial issues engaged on separation, including matters involving complex financial structures, third party claims and overseas assets. Jackie balances her commercially minded approach to the fair distribution of assets whilst keeping in mind that where and how to live, following the end of a relationship, is often the cause of anxiety. She is regularly in demand for cases involving medium and high net value assets.

Jackie makes a point of being available and responsive to queries involving cases management decisions. In all her cases Jackie manages client's expectations sympathetically and adroitly. She immerses herself in the detail and provides firm and comprehensive advice and attentive service.

She is noted for her thorough preparation and robust advocacy. Seeing Jackie in action in court has been described as a "masterclass in cross-examination".

Her psychotherapy training also gives her an understanding of the complex dynamics that can be at work between parties, following relationship breakdown, that can often be an obstacle to achieving successful resolution.

Jackie can accept instructions on a direct access basis.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Education

BA (Hons) Law 1983 Manchester Metropolitan University

Diploma in Psychology 2012 Open University

Professional Memberships

Family Law Bar Association

Middle Temple

NON-COURT DISPUTE RESOLUTION (NCDR)

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APPOINTMENTS

Jackie was appointed to sit as a Deputy District Judge in the Principal Registry of the Family Division in 2005.

TESTIMONIALS

“Jacqueline always prepares thoroughly, she has a swift and clear grasp of complex issues, and is always willing to provide advice on how to approach matters, and clients really appreciate how clearly she understands her brief, down to the smallest detail. She is calm and always focused, and clients feel they can rely on her guidance both in her representing their case in the best way, but also when it comes to negotiating settlements.”

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“Jacqueline always prepares thoroughly and provides firm and comprehensive advice. She is an attentive and impressive advocate.”

Legal 500, 2025 Ranked: Tier 4

“She has a quiet authority and has the ear of the judge in court.”

Legal 500, 2024 Ranked: Tier 4