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Specialises in:

- Finance
- Arbitration
- Private FDR
- Direct Access



‘A highly experienced financial silk who routinely handles proceedings for high net worth individuals. He is noted for his expert knowledge of complex tax, corporate and asset structures as they relate to family law. He is further noted for his expertise as an FDR judge.’

CHAMBERS & PARTNERS 2020

Chris Pocock specialises in divorce and matrimonial finance in disputes between high net worth parties. He has a wealth of experience dealing with complexities involving corporate and other businesses and/or complex remuneration packages, as well as with cases involving offshore and onshore trust and other asset-holding structures. Many, if not most, of his cases involve international and cross-border aspects, either substantively or in relation to enforcement.

Chris is ‘a skilled advocate (2020 Legal 500); ‘Very commercial, sensible and pragmatic in his advice’. “He’s excellent in cases where the detail is important.” (Chambers & Partners 2020)’

Finance

- *DN v UD* (Sch 1 Children Act: Capital Provision) [2020] EWHC 627 (Fam)
- *Thum v Thum* [2018] EWCA Civ 624; [2019] 2 W.L.R. 127
- *MAP v MFP* [2015] EWHC 627 (Fam); [2016] 1 F.L.R. 70
- *B v IB* [2014] 2 FLR 273 (Order to set aside disposition under Insolvency Act)
- *Tchenguiz-Imerman v Imerman* (Disclosure) [2014] 2 FLR 939
- *Tchenguiz-Imerman v Imerman* (Application for Joinder) [2014] 1 FLR 865
- *Tchenguiz-Imerman v Imerman* [2014] 1 FLR 232

Arbitration

Chris was one of the first silks to qualify as an arbitrator under the IFLA Financial Arbitration scheme. He has sat as arbitrator in number of cases since then, including several full financial remedy arbitrations.

Private FDR

Chris has conducted many private FDRs. He does so both in the UK and offshore.

Direct Access

Chris is qualified to accept direct access instructions.

"He is extremely thorough and manages to imbue the FDR process with a proper judicial feel. His preparation is extraordinary."

CHAMBERS AND PARTNERS 2021

REPUTATION & AWARDS

Chambers & Partners

"Extremely bright, detailed, and able to get on top of everything at a moment's notice. He is able to manage difficult clients and give them straightforward advice that they do not want to hear. He gets the judges' attention through his gravitas." - 2021

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‘A highly experienced financial silk who routinely handles multi-jurisdictional proceedings for high net worth individuals. He is noted for his expertise in complex tax, corporate and asset structures as they relate to family law. He is also frequently sought out to advise on and draft nuptial agreements. - 2020

‘He’s incredibly numerate; he just eats the numbers and gives you these spreadsheets which are user-friendly and easy to understand. He prepares brilliantly and his paperwork is always fantastic. You can almost win it on the papers alone, but he’s actually also a brilliant advocate as well.’

‘Pocock’s wizardry when it comes to figures is legendary, but observers were keen to point out that it is his ‘aura of calm’ and ‘highly pronounced human side’ that really make him the ‘clients’ darling’.

Legal 500

‘Incredibly calm under pressure, has very measured advice and is also an extremely efficient paper-free worker, which is impressive with someone of his seniority.’ - 2021

‘He has a razor-sharp intellect, and offers down-to-earth, practical advice.’

‘He knows what judges are thinking and presents arguments in a way that will win most ground.’

Education

Pembroke College, Oxford University (BA Jurisprudence)

St Dunstan’s College, Catford

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Professional Memberships

FLBA

MCI Arb

SE Circuit

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