

## Katherine Kelsey

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Specialises in:

- Finance
- Private Law Children
- Mediation



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Katherine advises and acts in all areas of matrimonial finance. She has experience in dealing with complex cases involving high net worth and high profile individuals. She also advises and acts in relation to claims brought under Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989.

Katherine advises and acts in all areas of private law children work. She has experience in dealing with complex cases involving internal and external relocation and intractable contact disputes.

Katherine is also a qualified Mediator.

## Finance

Katherine is regarded as a leading barrister specialising in all areas of matrimonial finance. Her thorough preparation and excellent standards in both oral and written advocacy mean that she is well regarded by clients and Judges alike. She often deals with complex cases involving high net worth and high profile individuals and she also acts in claims brought under Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989. Katherine has appeared as a junior in a number of complex, high value cases and on her own against leading counsel. She regularly prepares and delivers lectures on topics relating to matrimonial finance

## Finance Cases

- DN v UD (Sch 1 Children Act: Capital Provision) [2020] EWHC 627 (Fam)
- Rubin v Rubin [2014] EWHC 611 (Fam)
- MAP v MFP [2015] EWHC 627 (Fam)

## Private Law Children

Katherine has a strong reputation as a leading barrister specialising in private children work. Her excellent interpersonal skills allow her to instil confidence in clients who are often understandably anxious about the proceedings they are involved in. She has particular experience in dealing with complex cases involving internal and external relocation, allegations of abuse, parental alienation and expert evidence. She is particularly well regarded for her tactical instincts and robust cross-examination. Katherine has represented a number of high profile clients and appears with and against leading counsel. She regularly prepares and delivers lectures on topics relating to private law children.

## Mediation

Katherine is an experienced mediator who assists in resolving both financial and child related disputes

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CHAMBERS & PARTNERS 2019

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## REPUTATION & AWARDS

"Katherine is direct and decisive while remaining approachable to clients and solicitors. Her advice and strategy is always absolutely clear and on point." "Intelligent and charming with a confident presence in court, she gives clients sensible and pragmatic advice." - Chambers & Partners, 2021

'She has fantastic judgement, is excellent on children as well as financial remedy cases. Clients feel that they are in fantastic hands, and she really fights their cause, while at the same time is pragmatic, good at judging her tribunal and aims to settle cases if she can.' - Legal 500, 2021: Leading Junior in Financial Remedy

Very thorough, committed, organised. A joy to instruct.' - Legal 500 2021: Leading Junior in Children Law

"She's excellent with tricky finance cases and her advocacy is very engaging. At all times she's completely unflappable." Chambers & Partners 2020: Leading Junior in Matrimonial Finance & Children

"Well prepared, tenacious and practical - she has it all." Chambers & Partners 2020: Leading Junior in Matrimonial Finance & Children

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'Has a great ability to build rapport with clients in conference; is a forceful and

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compassionate advocate ' - Legal 500 2019: Leading Junior in Children Law

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"She is brilliant with clients...A class act" The Legal 500, 2018

'...We always end up getting what we want. She just has the knack of convincing the other party and the court that our approach is correct.' - Chambers & Partners, 2018

'She is immensely user-friendly and a very sound family lawyer whose all-round skills belie her relatively low level of call. She produces first-class paperwork and will go far.' - Chambers & Partners, 2017

'Her preparation is excellent, which gives the client great confidence... She is experienced and has a calm, authoritative manner greatly appreciated by clients.' - Legal 500, 2017

'She is extremely thorough in her preparation and able to manage client expectations well...Great at putting clients at ease.' - Legal 500, 2016

## **Awards**

Chambers & Partners - Leading Barrister

Legal 500 - Leading Individual

## **Awards and Scholarships**

Hardwicke Entrance Award (Lincoln's Inn)

Lord Denning Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn)

Eastham Scholarship (Lincoln's Inn)

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## Education

Iford Ursuline High School

Greyfriars Hall, Oxford University - BA (Hons) Jurisprudence

Inns of Court School of Law - Bar Vocational Course

## Professional Memberships

Member of the Family Law Bar Association

Member of Resolution

Member of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn

Member of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple

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