

## Kelan McHugh

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Specialises in:

- Finance
- Private Law Children
- Child Abduction
- Direct Access



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***"Personable, clever and an excellent communicator, he always impresses clients. He has knowledge beyond his years and is a go-to barrister for both children and money work."***

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Kelan specialises in matrimonial finance, private law children and child abduction. He is known for being approachable and sensitive to the needs of each particular client. He realises that not everyone wants to deal with their private issues in court and is skilful in negotiating favourable outcomes for clients outside of court.

Inside of court, Kelan has considerable trial experience with a particular aptitude for the forensic process and persuasive advocacy, both written and oral. In all cases, he believes in providing sensible and commercial advice at the earliest opportunity and keeping a focus on the outcome throughout.

## **Finance**

Kelan specialises predominantly in financial remedies claims. He is often instructed in matters involving complex issues, such as contested company valuations, on-shore and offshore trusts, non-disclosure, third-party claims and enforcement.

His cases often also have an international element, including disputes about jurisdiction/forum and claims after a foreign divorce. He has advised in relation to numerous jurisdictions and in particular has appeared frequently in court in Gibraltar.

Kelan has particular expertise in claims concerning financial provision for children. As well as advising and acting in Schedule 1 claims, Kelan also accepts instructions in child support appeals to the Child Support Tribunal.

## **Private Law Children**

Kelan receives instructions in difficult private law disputes often involving parental alienation, domestic abuse and intractable hostility.

He has a particular specialism in disputes with an international element, such as international relocation, temporary travel to non-Hague jurisdictions and enforcement and recognition of foreign orders.

## **Child Abduction**

Kelan acts and advises in all stages of proceedings concerning the international movement of children and cross-jurisdictional matters.

## **Direct Access**

Kelan is a registered public access practitioner.

*"Kelan is very approachable, and goes the extra mile for his clients as he genuinely cares about them. He's incredibly hard-working and an effective advocate in court. Judges like and respond well to him."*

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## REPUTATION & AWARDS

'Kelan has a particular aptitude for getting to the heart of the matter - and the clients really appreciate his eye for detail, approachable manner and excellent advocacy skills too.'

William Longrigg, Partner at Charles Russell Speechlys

'Kelan is a seasoned campaigner who really engages with clients and provides sensible, pragmatic advice. In court he is a polished and very effective advocate who really fights his client's corner.' - David Greer, Partner at Schillings

## Education

St. Paul's School London: 1995-2000

Trinity College Dublin: 2000-2004

Georgetown University: 2001-2002 (Socrates placement)

BBP Law School: 2005-2006 (GDL) and 2006-2007 (BVC)

## Professional Memberships

Family Law Bar Association

## Languages

Swedish (conversational)

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