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Specialises in:

- Finance
- Private Law Children
- Child Abduction
- Private FDR

‘One of the brightest stars of her generation – extremely intelligent, charming and tenacious.’

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Samantha has an expertise in matrimonial finance and private law children work, with a particular emphasis on cases involving issues of international complexity. Samantha’s expertise in those areas allows her to frequently act for clients in all areas of their family disputes. Samantha regularly and frequently appears in the High Court and has acted at all levels of court, including on two occasions in the United Kingdom Supreme Court.

Finance

Samantha has considerable experience of all areas of matrimonial finance, applications under Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989 and related enforcement proceedings. Samantha acted in *Quan v Bray* [2015] EWCA Civ 1401.

She acts in cases involving foreign assets, trusts and Interveners, businesses and partnerships, jurisdictional disputes, inherited or pre-acquired wealth, non-disclosure, ‘add



back' and other forms of conduct. She is also experienced and able to act and advise in cases with pre and post nuptial agreements, *Xydias* and *Rose* agreements, capitalisation/variation of maintenance and *Duxbury* calculation, individuals with high profiles and/or net worth, freezing injunctions and applications under s.37 MCA 1973, Charging Orders, Third Party Debt and Attachment of Earnings Orders.

Private Law Children

Samantha has a breadth of experience in cases involving disputes between parties about their children, acting for parents, third party family members and for the children themselves. She has a particular expertise in cases involving the international movement of children, by way of international child abduction, relocation, temporary leave to remove, cross border enforcement, international surrogacy and international adoptions.

Samantha has an expertise in parental alienation cases, cases involving allegations of physical, psychological and sexual abuse and cases involving serious psychiatric and/or psychological conditions, alcoholism and drug abuse.

Samantha regularly appears in the High Court and has acted at all levels of court, including on two occasions in the United Kingdom Supreme Court.

Private Law Children cases of interest

- *Re KL (Hague Convention: Effect of Reversal of Return Order)* [2013] UKSC 75;
- *In the matter of D (A Child)* [2016] UKSC 34;
- *SC v BH* [2014] EWHC 1584 (Fam);
- *K v A* (yet to be reported);
- *Lachaux v Lachaux* (Full appeal April 2018)

Child Abduction

Samantha has a breadth of experience in cases involving international child abduction. She is regularly and frequently instructed in this area and has appeared on several occasions at



all levels of court, including on two occasions in the UK Supreme Court.

Child Abduction cases of interest

- *Re KL (Hague Convention: Effect of Reversal of Return Order)* [2013] UKSC 75;
- *In the matter of D (A Child)* [2016] UKSC 34;
- *SC v BH* [2014] EWHC 1584 (Fam);
- *K v A* (yet to be reported);
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Private FDR

Samantha is available to conduct private FDRs

***She charms clients even when telling them what they don't want to hear
and she is a tenacious advocate in difficult cases.***

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REPUTATION & AWARDS

'A very client-friendly barrister. She is down to earth, prepares thoroughly, and her style is adaptable yet firm and robust where necessary.'

- Legal 500, 2022

'Thoroughly prepares her cases and her written work is concise and incisive.'

- Legal 500, 2021

'She continues to shine and has a very bright future at the Bar.'

- Legal 500, 2019



Education

Law LLB (Honours) - First Class

Bar Vocational Course - Very Competent

Professional Memberships

Family Law Bar Association

Languages

French (fluent)

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