

Oliver Riley – Family & Divorce



YEAR OF CALL: 2013

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Practice Overview

Oliver is a family barrister and accepts instructions in all areas of family law, including:

- ▶ Financial Remedy proceedings
- ▶ Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 disputes
- ▶ Schedule 1 Children Act 1989 applications
- ▶ Private law Children Act 1989 matters
- ▶ Injunctive relief under Part IV Family Law Act 1996
- ▶ Proceedings under the Inherent Jurisdiction of the High Court

Oliver appears on behalf of applicants and respondents at all stages of the financial remedies process, including FDA's, FDR's, application hearings and final hearings. Oliver also accepts instructions in relation to applications brought under Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989.

Oliver also has a particular interest in disputes arising under the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996, acting on behalf of claimants and defendants. He frequently advises on the merits of pursuing a claim prior to issue and drafts pleadings at all stages of the litigation process. Oliver also represents clients at interim and final hearings.

He represents parents in applications for Child Arrangements, Specific Issue and Prohibited Steps Orders. He has also acted on behalf of the Children's Guardian. Oliver appears at all stages of the court process, from first appointments through to contested final hearings.

Oliver also represents applicants and respondents within Family Law Act 1996 applications for non-molestation and occupation orders.

He has also represented family members at directions hearings in the Court of Protection.

Oliver completed his pupillage at 5 Pump Court in London and joined St John's following the successful completion of a third six pupillage under the supervision of Zoë Saunders.

Areas of Expertise

Family & Divorce

Children Private Law

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Recent examples of work:

- ▶ N v N – fact-finding hearing representing a party facing allegations of rape.
- ▶ A v T – final hearing representing an applicant who lives outside the jurisdiction. Successfully obtained a Specific Issue Order in relation to the child's surname due to concerns accepted in respect of the respondent.
- ▶ G v W – opinion considering the prospects of an application to change a child's surname.
- ▶ P v P – final hearing representing the Children's Guardian.

Divorce & Financial Remedy

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Recent examples of work:

- ▶ S v T – negotiated settlement at final hearing following a short marriage.
- ▶ F v F – contested costs application following the issue of enforcement proceedings.
- ▶ B v M – negotiated settlement at FDR on behalf of the applicant, achieving a sale of the respondent's property in order to house the applicant and the parties' child until majority (Schedule 1).
- ▶ F v F – pre-issue opinion on settlement prospects considering, inter alia, inherited funds and pension sharing.

- ▶ W v W – successful application for a single joint expert to value the respondent's business as a consequence of concerns being accepted in relation to previous valuations.
- ▶ H v B – pre-issue opinion on settlement prospects (Schedule 1).
- ▶ K v K – 3-day final hearing. Negotiated settlement reached on day 2.
- ▶ Z v Z – successful Senior Courts Act 1981, section 39, enforcement application and opposition of a cross-application to vary the existing financial remedies order.

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Recommendations

"Oliver did a tremendous job for me today and I really appreciate the extra lengths that he went to."

INSTRUCTING SOLICITOR

"Please pass on my thanks to Mr Riley as he was excellent. Very professional and conducted the case very well. He was well briefed and knowledgeable about the circumstances."

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Qualifications & awards:

- ▶ BPTC (UWE) - Outstanding, LLM Commercial Law (Birmingham) – Distinction (1st in Year), LLB (Cardiff)
- ▶ Marshall Hall Trust Award (Inner Temple); BPTC Outstanding Prize (Inner Temple); Tutors Prize (UWE); Criminal Litigation, Evidence Prize & sentencing Prize (UWE); Civil Litigation & Evidence Prize (UWE); LLM Scholarship (University of Birmingham).

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