

Jacqueline Humphreys – Family & Divorce



YEAR OF CALL: 1994

INN: Lincolns Inn

“Very no-nonsense, very practical and someone who has a lot of energy and imagination.”

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Practice Overview

Jacqueline is a confident and highly competent advocate, specialising in the financial aspects of relationship breakdown. She rejoined the St John's Chambers Family & Divorce team from chambers in Birmingham where she had an enviable reputation for quality and attention to detail.

In financial resolution cases following divorce or civil partnership dissolution she has extensive experience of resolving cases involving family businesses, companies, trusts, pension assets and third party claims on family assets. She enjoys the forensic challenge of tracing hidden assets and is highly effective in cross examination.

However, she does not look for unnecessary confrontation and is often able to negotiate a realistic compromise that is advantageous to her client.

Jacqueline also has wide experience of financial disputes between unmarried partners including under Trust of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act and Schedule 1 of the Children Act.

Other areas of expertise include private law children matters, domestic violence protection, charity law and ecclesiastical law.

Until recently she was a school governor and a trustee of a national charity.

Areas of Expertise Divorce & Financial Remedy

Jacqueline is a matrimonial finance specialist, with particular expertise in cases with high-value assets and/or complex issues. She was recognised for her work in this area in Legal 500 shortly before moving to part-time work.

She is well respected by judges and professional colleagues and has strong client care skills: able to reassure nervous clients and help "over enthusiastic" ones focus on the important issues.

She often lectures on matrimonial finance and related topics. Recent lecture topics have included:

- ▶ Variation of settlements
- ▶ Self-help after Immerman
- ▶ ToLATA without tears

Related Articles

- ▶ TOLATA and equitable accounting – was the House of Lords wrong in Stack v Dowden?
- ▶ Corporate veil or iron curtain?: The limited options of a spouse following Petrodel v Prest
- ▶ Charity Law Cases Resource Guide, Charity Commission of Northern Ireland, 2011
- ▶ 'The Civil Partnership Act 2004, Same-sex Marriage & the Church of England' (2006) Ecc. L.J. 8, pp 289-306.
- ▶ 'The Right to Marry in the Parish Church: A Rehabilitation of Argar v Holdsworth' (2004) Ecc.L.J. 7, pp 405-417.
- ▶ 'The Shipman Injunction: Right or Wrong?' Private Client Business (1995) p368, (with Philip Moor).

Recommendations

"A very punchy advocate whose preparation and attention to detail shine through."

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"Superb – probably the best ecclesiastical practitioner in the South West and the Midlands. She is dogged and determined and has a very good sense of judgement."

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"Really very good."

CHAMBERS UK, 2019
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Qualifications & awards:

- ▶ MA (Jurisprudence) Oxon
- ▶ LLM (Canon Law) Cardiff
- ▶ Deputy Chancellor of Southwell and Nottingham

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