



Nicholas specialises in high value matrimonial finance work. He is well known for his eye for detail, his knowledge of the law, and for his client care skills.

Nicholas was appointed Queen's Counsel in February 2018. He was previously listed as a "leading junior" in the Chambers & Partners (where he was in the top 'Band 1' tier) and Legal 500 directories. He was junior counsel for Charles Sharland (Supreme Court (2015)).

Nicholas was appointed a Deputy High Court Judge in October 2021 (assigned to the Family Division) and is a nominated Judge of the Court of Protection. He was previously appointed a Recorder of the Family Court in March 2016. He was elected a Bencher of The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple in June 2021.



Consistently rated in both Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners, Jayne earned a reputation as a specialist family finance practitioner who is "widely admired, hugely organised and a brilliant advocate."

Jayne is now solely undertaking Judicial Roles in the Specialist Financial Remedy and Family Court and as a Private FDR "Judge" and Early Neutral Evaluator assisting private clients in resolving their disputes by agreement.

Jayne has taken this step because she believes strongly in Dispute Resolution, whether before the Court at FDR or assisted by their Lawyers and a jointly appointed "Judge" privately. From her experience both as an advocate for 30 years and as a Judge for 18 Jayne is well placed to assist parties to reach such a compromise. In her Private and Court FDRs Jayne takes time to understand each party's case and what is important to them so that they can, with her assistance, reach a fair solution. That solution can be a simple pragmatic compromise but often it is more complex with Jayne drawing from her experience to suggest more creative options, many of which would not be available to a Judge at a final hearing.

As a Barrister Jayne was regularly instructed in complex high net worth cases, often against QC's including Multi-million-pound divorce settlements. Jayne has expertise dealing with offshore trusts, landed estates, discretionary trusts, tax avoidance schemes, business valuations and inherited wealth and can offer insight and practical solutions to apparently intractable problems.



Nicholas is a senior junior counsel of over 30 years' experience, specialising in family financial provision principally upon:

- Divorce

but also under:

- ToLATA
- IPFDA
- Sch 1 CA 1989
- Civil partnership proceedings

Nicholas frequently deals with high net worth claims, involving:

- Business
- Farming
- Overseas assets



Andrew is an established family law specialist with extensive experience of dealing with financial disputes between separating spouses, civil partners and unmarried couples, under the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973, the Civil Partnership Act 2004, the Children Act 1989 and the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996.

He is regularly instructed in cases of significant legal or factual complexity, both where the parties' means are substantial and where the available resources are more modest, to advise and to appear in the High Court and in the Family Court, nationwide, at all stages of proceedings, at first instance and on appeal.



Emma has experience in First Dispute Appointments and First Dispute Resolution Appointments as well as Preliminary Issue hearings. Emma has a personable approach to clients in what can be incredibly stressful proceedings. This approach ensures calm and considered advice yet robust submissions, ensuring her client's instructions are properly advanced in Court.