



Damian Garrido QC

Call: 1993 / QC: 2015

Damian is a leading family law specialist, listed in the Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners. His appointment as Queen's Counsel is a recognition of excellence in written and oral advocacy in the higher courts.

He provides sound, practical advice in all aspects of family law, conducting skilful negotiations to achieve consensual outcomes and undertaking robust advocacy in court when necessary. He is known for his devastating cross-examination and focused submissions. The breadth of his experience in both child and financial family law applications is welcomed by clients seeking a holistic solution to the problems of relationship breakdown. In silk, he has developed considerable expertise in appellate advocacy.

Damian will provide early neutral evaluations and act as a private FDR judge for parties with children and financial disputes who wish to avoid the court process. He is also a Recorder sitting as a judge in the Family Court and sits as a Deputy High Court Judge in the Family Division.

Family Finance

Damian has considerable expertise in applications for financial remedy following relationship breakdown, notably where complexities arise due to the nature and value of the parties' assets and sources of income (e.g. private businesses or family trusts), an international element and/or third-party intervention. He is experienced in cases involving nuptial agreements, cohabitation, child maintenance and civil partnerships.

Notable Family Finance cases

- **NN v AS & Ors (Rev 1) [2018] EWHC 2973 (Fam), [2019] 1 FLR 1397**
Financial relief after overseas divorce.

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- **Morris v Morris [2016] EWCA Civ 812, [2017] 1 WLR 554**
Variation/Judgment summons

International Family Law

Damian has been recognised as a leading expert on international children law. He often represents clients in the difficult and sensitive area of international child abduction, international relocation and international adoption. He has co-authored the leading textbook *Relocation: A practical guide*, now in its second edition.

Notable International Family Law cases

- **Re L v F [2017] EWCA Civ 2121, [2018] 4 WLR 141, [2018] 2 FLR 608**
International relocation.
- **Re S & T (Children) [2015] EWHC 1753, [2015] Fam Law 884**
International adoption.

Private Law Children

Damian also brings his forensic skills to domestic private law cases, particularly where serious allegations are raised against a parent or in cases of alleged parental alienation. He also has particular expertise in applications for internal relocation, having appeared in the leading Court of Appeal authority of *Re C*.

Notable Private Law Children cases

- **Re C [2015] EWCA Civ 1305, [2016] 3 WLR 1**
Internal relocation.

Public Law Children

Damian's child-care practice encompasses the most complex and sensitive cases including those involving alleged radicalisation, serious injury or death, sexual exploitation, the youth or incapacity of a parent and/or issues of publicity, non-disclosure and public interest immunity.

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Notable Public Law Children cases

- **Re Y & E (Children) [2019] EWCA Civ 206**
- **Re L (Children) (Rev 1) [2017] EWCA Civ 1137, [2017] 4 WLR 141**
- **BCC v FZ & Ors [2012] EWHC 1154, [2013] 1 FLR 974**

Alternative Dispute Resolution

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Direct Access

Damian is qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public under the Direct Access Scheme in appropriate circumstances.

Appointments

- Deputy High Court Judge (Family Division) (2016)
- Recorder (Family Court) (2012)

Publications

- Relocation: A Practical Guide (Jordan's 2016, 2nd Ed.)
- Beyond Radmacher: the developing judicial approach to nuptial agreements (Practical Law 2013)
- Joinder of third parties and wasted costs in financial remedy proceedings [2012] Fam Law 1101

Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association
- Honourable Society of the Middle Temple

Education

- BVC, Inns of Court School of Law
- Dip Law, City University, London
- BA (Hons), University of Kent

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