



Fiona Hay MCLArb

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Fiona is an experienced family law specialist with a reputation for measured pragmatism and calm authority in her advocacy. She focuses exclusively on financial remedy cases where she applies her widely recognised financial expertise to secure practical solutions for her clients, particularly in cases featuring disputes over pension entitlements. Her approach balances empathy and support for her clients with robust and skilful advocacy.

Fiona has a strong interest in Alternative Dispute Resolution. She is an experienced Financial Dispute Resolution (FDR) advocate and her calm, pragmatic approach has earned plaudits. Fiona also sits as a judge in Private FDRs – a mechanism that she strongly favours for its effectiveness in delivering workable agreements with minimal distress to the parties involved.

Since January 2013, she has been authorised to sit in the High Court, pursuant to s9 Senior Courts Act 1981 and she has been a Recorder on the Midland Circuit since 2009.

Fiona lectures for Jordan's Family Law on issues relating to pensions and divorce and is author or co-author of several of the leading guides on this topic (see below).

She is also a panel member for Advocate, the Bar's pro bono unit.

Family Finance

Fiona is an experienced matrimonial finance practitioner and has developed a particular expertise in cases featuring disputes over pension entitlements and family businesses following separation and divorce. She has a strong interest in Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Fiona is an accomplished FDR advocate and a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She is also available for _____

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private financial dispute resolution appointments and early neutral evaluations. She recommends the private FDR route as an effective and time-efficient means of resolving disputes away from the potentially intimidating and adversarial formality of the courtroom.

Her practice also boasts a strong international element, particularly with regards to Part III proceedings.

Notable Family Finance cases

- **Shokrollah Babae v Shokrollah Babae [2019] EWHC 2975**
Cohen J. Enforcement (committal and property transfer) and variation issues following financial remedy orders made by Baker J.
- **NN v AS & Ors [2018] EWHC 2973**
Roberts J judgment in financial remedy proceedings involving beneficial ownership of properties, intervenors, a pre-existing agreement in Egypt and meta data and handwriting evidence.
- **M v M [2015] EWFC B63**
Judgment involving the impact of a party's potentially substantially reduced life expectancy in financial remedy proceedings particularly with regard to pension sharing.

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Direct Access

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

Appointments

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Publications

- Pensions on Divorce: A Practitioner's Handbook, the leading textbook on pensions and divorce, published by Sweet and Maxwell, 2018.
- A Guide to the Treatment of Pensions on Divorce –The report of the Pension Advisory Group –Fiona is a committee member of the Pension Advisory Group and a co-author of the report
- Pensions and Equality [2007] Family Law 310.
- Pension on Divorce–Practical Law, Thomson Reuters
- Pensions on Divorce –Westlaw
- Capitalising periodical payments; lump sum or pension share?–Sweet and Maxwell White Paper 2013

Memberships

- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Pensions Advisory Group
- BSc Chemistry and Law, Exon
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