Jane Campbell

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Jane is a financial remedy specialist who also undertakes private law children work and Schedule 1 cases. She has been ranked in Chambers & Partners and Legal 500 for many years. Jane represents people from all walks of life, from HNW and high-profile individuals to vulnerable clients, children and victims of domestic abuse. Since 2010 Jane has practised exclusively in family work. Before that she practised as a criminal barrister where she appeared in court daily. As a result, she is a fluent advocate. She is committed to resolving disputes pragmatically and at the earliest stage where possible. Where it is necessary to go to a final hearing Jane's articulate and concise style assists in getting good results. Her financial remedy practice is wide ranging and regularly includes cases with complex company valuations, trusts, farms and jurisdiction issues. Her children work is extensive and includes relocation and same sex couple disputes. Jane was appointed a Deputy District Judge in 2015. She sits in the financial remedy court and also hears private law children and civil cases.

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Family Finance

Over the last year Jane has represented a variety of clients ranging from a high profile individual to a child in a Barder case instructed by the OS. The vast majority of her cases have involved complex company valuations and tax issues.

Notable Family Finance cases

• H v T (Judicial Change of Mind) [2018] EWHC 3962 (Fam)

Jane represented the appellant husband in an appeal before MacDonald J. Although the appeal was ultimately unsuccessful, having initially been allowed, MacDonald J was sympathetic to a number of the husband's arguments.

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• Birch v Birch [2017] UKSC 53

Jane represented the appellant wife throughout long-running variation proceedings where the wife sought to discharge an undertaking given in a financial remedy consent order. The appeal was ultimately successful before UKSC who held, by a majority of 4 to 1, that the court had jurisdiction to discharge the undertaking under s.31MCA 1973 and the inherent jurisdiction. Case remitted to the family court where the undertaking was discharged.

• R v R & Others [2013] EWHC 4244 (Fam)

Jane represented the husband in a case concerning the duties of shadow directors and the grant of restraint of trade orders under the inherent jurisdiction of the court.

Private Law Children

Jane frequently represents clients in both their children dispute and their financial remedy dispute which can make it is easier for them as Jane is familiar with the full factual background. She is also regularly instructed in free-standing Children Act disputes.

Notable Private Law Children cases

• Ben Jonas Alcott v Katy Elizabeth Ashworth & Anor [2022] EWHC 3687 (Fam)

Represented the first respondent mother, Katy Ashworth, a children's television presenter, at a finding of fact hearing before Arbuthnot J. The Court found the vast majority of the 46 allegations of coercive and controlling behaviour by the father against the mother and others proved. The Court published the judgment as it was in the public interest to have this substantial fact finding judgment in the public domain and it did so in a largely unanonymised form to assist the mother to put the record straight as the long running dispute between the parties was the subject of distorted coverage online.

• Re G Children [2014] EWCA Civ 336

Jane successfully represented the biological mother in the Court of Appeal. The biological mother donated her eggs to her partner who was the birth mother. The donation predated HFEA 2008 so the biological mother did not automatically have PR. The case was remitted to a circuit judge and PR awarded.

Direct Access

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



Appointments

• Deputy District Judge (2015)

Publications

Jane Campbell and Elisabeth Wickham discuss parental alienation in their latest article Blog November 2024

Memberships

• FLBA

Education

• MA