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Year of Call: 2007

Hannah studied Politics at the University of Sheffield, graduating in 2003 with a First Class Honours Degree. She went on to achieve a Distinction in the Graduate Diploma in Law from Nottingham Law School. Having received a Lord Denning Scholarship from Lincoln's Inn, Hannah took the Bar Vocational Course and joined Chambers in 2007. She specialises in matrimonial finance and private law children cases.

Hannah is a former junior international athlete and continues to be involved in the sport as a spectator and participant when time permits.

EXPERTISE

Family - Children

Private Law

Hannah is regularly instructed in complex Child Arrangements Order applications involving allegations of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

She also has extensive experience in cases where there are allegations and/or evidence of a parent's implacable hostility towards the other parent.

Hannah spent a number of years at the Criminal Bar before transferring to Family Practice. Her wealth of advocacy experience in Crown and Magistrates' Courts is invaluable in contested hearings where she excels at the cross-examination of witnesses. Hannah has considerable experience of dealing with finding of fact hearings in domestic abuse cases. She has recently been instructed in a finding of fact hearing involving allegations of rape and attempted murder.

Hannah is also instructed in enforcement applications, appeals and both internal and international re-

location cases.

Lay and professional clients find her approachable and highly skilled in both conference and court hearings alike.

Family - Finance

One of Hannah's key strengths lies in her negotiation skills and that, coupled with an eye for detail, renders her a strong choice for matrimonial finance matters. She provides settlement advice pre issue and beyond and takes instructions in all hearings including FDAs, FDRs, and contested final hearings. She is approachable with clients and is happy to speak to solicitors on an informal basis throughout the duration of a case.

Hannah regularly receives instructions to advise in respect of the validity of separation agreements, the merits of appealing final orders and the merits of applications to set aside final orders. She has considerable experience in both advising on and representing at MPS and LSPO application hearings.

Her written advocacy skills have been praised for their ability to be both concise yet thorough and ultimately highly persuasive.

Recent Cases

B v B (2019)

Final Hearing in which the Husband was contending for a significant departure from equality on the basis of his inherited wealth. His argument was rejected by the Court after lengthy cross-examination.

P v P (2018)

Three day notice to show cause hearing relating to a separation agreement. Successfully argued that the agreement should be incorporated into a legally binding court order and achieved an order for costs for the client.

K v K (2017)

Successfully represented the Husband opposing the Wife's appeal against a strike out decision and an application to set aside a consent order on the basis of duress.

D v D (2017)

Negotiated an agreement to vary a final order at an application to set aside on the basis on the basis of fraudulent misrepresentation.

S v F (2017)

Represented the Petitioner in a declaration of non-marriage case in the High Court.