



Sally Harrison QC

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Year of Silk: 2010

“Hugely respected for her skill at taking on high-profile and high-value matrimonial finance matters. Harrison has cultivated a great reputation representing high net worth individuals in High Court cases and in relation to prenuptial agreements. She uses her wealth of experience in the area to assist in complex cases involving allegations of physical harm and non-disclosure, among others.

Strengths: “She has the obvious strength in dealing with high-value and complex financial cases, but another strength is her client care, particularly in terms of listening to a client’s concerns.” “She has care and compassion and can be as tough as is required.” **Chambers UK Bar 2021**

“Sally puts every client at ease whatever their background, her grasp of the facts and the nuances of a case and tactical insight is second to none. Her preparation is impeccable. She is fast thinking and always someone you would want on your side for her all round brilliance both with clients and opponents.” **Legal 500 2021**

Overview

Renowned for her expertise in matrimonial finance and in Schedule 1 Children Act, Sally is the first choice for many high net worth and high profile individuals. She is regularly involved in complex £multi million High Court cases and drafting and advising in prenuptial agreements for high net worth individuals. She is known as a robust advocate and is highly praised for her modern and flexible approach.

Personal information

Frequently invited to lecture, Sally lectures nationally on all aspects of matrimonial finance. Away from

Chambers, she enjoys road cycling and spending time with her two children.

Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association
- International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers

EXPERTISE

Family - Finance

As the only matrimonial finance specialist outside London, Sally is highly sought after for big money cases, particularly those involving family businesses, pension sharing and inherited wealth. Her expertise covers all aspects of financial remedy claims, including injunctive relief, advising in relation to family trust issues in divorce and prenuptial agreements.

Section 1 Children Act

Sally is recognised for her expertise in the Schedule 1 Children Act and has notable experience in dealing with complex family arrangements and international cases, often involving high profile individuals.

Cases

Moher v Moher [2019] EWCA Civ 1482

Richardson-Ruhan v Ruhan [2017]

Roocroft v Ainscow [2016] See news article.

Gohil v Gohil [2015]

J v J [2014] EWHC 3654 (Fam)

Bhura v Bhura [2012] EWHC 3633

Richardson v Richardson [2011] EWCA Civ 79

C v C [2007] EWHC 2033 (Fam) [2009] 1

Legal Directory Recommendations

“Hugely respected for her skill at taking on high-profile and high-value matrimonial finance matters. She

offers recognised experience in complex cases involving matters such as same-sex civil partnerships, inherited wealth and complex business structures and trusts. She also advises on the Children Act.

Strengths: *“She continues to be the number one barrister in the North of England for complex finance work. She’s charming, yet tenacious – an absolute all-rounder.” “She is extremely balanced in her advice and consultation, and she is one of the most formidable advocates of her generation.”*

Chambers UK Bar 2020

“In a league of her own – the star of the family Bar in the north.” **Legal 500 2020**

“In a league of her own. A unique talent.” “She is ferociously bright and has an ability to grasp the crucial facts and distil them in a way that gets everyone on her side.” **Chambers UK Bar 2019**

“She has sound judgement and fights hard for her clients; a formidable family law silk” **Legal 500 2019**

Strengths: *“She is the absolute leader in the North West and she knocks spots off many London silks. Her submissions in the Supreme Court left the others standing in my view.” “Not just the star of the Family Bar in Manchester, Sally is one of a select few of the best family law QCs in the country.”*

Recent work: *“Acted for a lesbian civil partner in the Court of Appeal after her application to set aside a consent order had been struck out.”* **Chambers & Partners 2018**

“Polished, passionate and always accessible.” **Legal 500 2017**

“Hugely respected for her skill at taking on high-profile and high-value matrimonial finance matters. She recently took a significant financial remedy case to the Supreme Court, representing the wife’s interest in the dispute.”

Strengths: *“Combines excellent client care skills with pragmatic advice, rigorous attention to detail, effective negotiation and fearsome advocacy”. “Sally is a sparkling advocate who is commanding and charismatic both inside the courtroom and outside”. – Chambers & Partners 2017*

“The leading light in financial cases; she is in a league of her own.” – Legal 500 2016

“Head of chambers and leads the market with her exclusively finance and ancillary relief practice, including Schedule 1 Children Act work.”

Strengths: *“She is top-notch; she gives robust, objective advice delivered in a realistic, commercial and pragmatic way, and has very good client care skills.” “She is undoubtedly the best family barrister outside of London. She is a lateral thinker and has an incredible eye for detail. She has a way of viewing things in the round and has a logical approach.” – Chambers & Partners 2016*

“Continues to lead the field in complicated financial matters. She remains a first choice for many instructing solicitors who praise her ability to bring a human touch to high-value cases.”

“She has always been head and shoulders above anyone else.” “She is an absolute superstar. If you have a big money or complex case in the North West it’s a race to instruct her first.” – Chambers & Partners 2015

“A true class act; she is in a league of her own.” – Legal 500 2015

“Second to none”- Legal 500 2014

“A fearsome, well-polished and perfectly prepared advocate, who is widely praised for her strong commercial sense. Her core focus is an ancillary relief, and she is regularly instructed by high net worth individuals.” – Chambers & Partners 2013

“The ‘best ancillary relief barrister in Manchester’ and a ‘robust advocate’”- Legal 500 2012

“She is praised for her ability to quickly absorb great quantities of information” – Chambers UK 2011

Noted as a *“Star Individual”* in **Chambers & Partners 2010**

“An outstanding matrimonial finance junior who is ‘always on the shortlist for high value or complex cases.’” – Chambers & Partners 2010

“Always on the shortlist for complicated ancillary relief matters” Legal 500 2009

“High-profile member of the set and widely considered to be ‘one of the best we have in the North.’ She received a wealth of position commendations, and proves a ‘tough and formidable opponent’ who ‘knows when and how to fight.’ Possessing the ‘ability to see the wood for the trees’, she ‘disseminates information quickly and efficiently.’” – Chambers & Partners 2009

“Advocate of choice in high-value divorces with a track record of handling difficult cases” – Legal 500 2008

“Highly recommended when there are significant assets” “faultless” – Chambers & Partners 2008

“Sally Harrison is ‘the first choice in Manchester for high-value, complex financial settlements on divorce; It’s a race as to who gets her first’- Legal 500 2007

“Good all round advocate” and “in for a real contest if you’re against her” – Chambers & Partners 2007