

# Imogen Robins

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## Finance

Imogen's work is centred on financial remedies, including married and cohabiting couples and private law children cases. She brings commitment, excellent negotiation skills and sound judgment to her cases. In her work she is known for her tactical experience and legal expertise. She is patient, a good listener and strives to build a caring and supportive relationship with her clients. Her warmth and compassion belie a steely determination to achieve the optimum result. Often the best results can be achieved through negotiation but this is not always possible.

In court, Imogen uses her eloquence and advocacy to full advantage. She is available to advise during every stage of the case and is happy to speak to solicitors in confidence prior to instruction. Her strong interpersonal skills mean she is comfortable dealing with people from all walks of life. Her clients include company directors, professionals and musicians. She aims to provide an excellent service to all, regardless of wealth or status.

Selected Cases
X v X (2024)
Contested final hearing where some of the assets where held outside the jurisdiction in Jamaica. The case involved valuations and issues on non-disclosure. A successful outcome where assets were preserved for the wife.

T v T (2023)
Acting in a case for an Australian national. A successful settlement was achieved.

P v P (2022)
Acting in an ecclesiastical divorce involving a high ranking member of the Church of England. It required knowledge of church structures and a sympathetic approach; including advice about Bishops' Visitors. The case settled following a "without prejudice hearing".

M v M (2022)
Acting for the husband in a private FDR where there were assets outside the jurisdiction. The case included an extensive property portfolio and several care homes with a total value of £15 million. The case involved business valuations, tax experts and issues of non-disclosure. The case settled following a private FDR before Alexander Chandler KC.

X v X (2020)
Setting aside a financial remedy order following the making of a final order in the husband's absence. Consideration given to the implications of Covid-19.

Y v Y (2019)
A case where there were alleged to be substantial assets held abroad in Nigeria. Both parties were medical consultants. The case involved expert evidence as to valuations of property, tax and pensions. A successful outcome was achieved for the client.

R v R (2019)
A complex variation case under MCA 1973 Section 31, involving a substantial £3 Million pension pot. A successful outcome was achieved for the client.

X v X (2018)
Complex litigation, involving MCA 1973 S. 25(2)(g), where one party had dissipated hundreds of thousands of pounds. Consideration of all the possible outcomes and in particular the relevance of MAP v MFP [2015] EWHC 627, given one of the parties' mental health.

T v G (2018)
Schedule 1 to Children Act 1989 case involving internationally recognised musicians. A successful outcome was achieved for the mother and the case settled without the need for a contested hearing. The case was sensitive as the parties were high profile in the music industry.

D v D (2017)
Case involving a property tycoon with substantial business and property interests. There was satellite litigation in the Chancery Division that had to be considered during the progression of the case.

W v W (2017)
An unusual case where the District Judge was asked to make an interim remedy in respect of the parties' dog. The court considered the interrelation between realty as in land and personal possessions. An interim order was made an Imogen's client was permitted to see the dog. Wickes v Wickes [1999] Fam 65 and BR v VT [2015] EWHC 2727

M v M (2016)
Acting for a dentist who allegedly had offshore trusts in the British Virgin Islands. A complex case involving third party disclosure from the trustees, negotiations with the Inland Revenue regarding tax appeals and accountancy evidence. Court threatening to join the trustees and make indemnity costs orders in the event that disclosure did not take place.

M v M (2016) (UKHC)
High Court forum shopping case, involving consideration of the appropriate forum for financial remedies litigation. Whether the case should be tried in England and Wales or USA (Georgia). Heard before Mr Justice Holman.

B v B (2016)
Acting for the wife in a case involving a military pension, business accounts, where both parties had been in the medical profession.

G V R (2016)
Acting in a financial provision case where a notice to show cause application was made by the husband 8 years after the consent order had been lodged with the court. Successfully resisting the application on the part of the wife. Case involved potential cross-examination of a witness via video link from the Middle East.

M v M (2015)
Acting in a financial provision case involving a substantial property portfolio that required division following a long marriage. The case involved expert accountancy evidence.

A v AT (2014)
Acting for a wife seeking to vary a consent order under S 31 MCA 1973 to extend the term of maintenance beyond the child's 21st birthday to enable her to remain in the former matrimonial home. A successful outcome was achieved.

# Recommendations

Imogen Robins has significant experience in habitation matters and permanence orders. She is also frequently sought to act in private law children proceedings.

Strengths: "Imogen has a wonderful style of advocacy, which is effective while remaining kind and incredibly considerate of all parties in her approach."

"Imogen's client care skills are second to none. She is kind and empathic, without ever losing her professional objectivity."
**Chambers UK 2025**/Family Matrimonial Finance/Western Bar

"Imogen is very knowledgeable and good with complex cases. She has an excellent client manner."
**Chambers UK 2024**/Family Matrimonial Finance/Western Bar

"Imogen is fantastic with clients and is able to provide firm advice whilst remaining aware of each individual's needs. Imogen's advocacy is both courteous and persuasive."
**Chambers UK 2023**/Family Matrimonial Finance/Western Bar

"Imogen is always easy to work with and is very collaborative with instructing solicitors. Her cross-examination is tenacious but deceptively measured and is highly effective at getting witnesses to let their guard down in conceding a point."
**Legal 500 2025**/Family: divorce and financial remedy/Western Bar

"Imogen has excellent attention to detail, is always well prepared and her written documents are clear and persuasive. She has a sympathetic approach with nervous clients but does not shy away from giving clear and forthright advice when required".
**Legal 500 2022/**Family: divorce and financial remedy/Western Bar

"Imogen has great attention to detail around the facts of the case but also has the ability to pick up the more subtle nuances between parties enabling her to tailor her advice to clients so that it is sensitive, detailed and pragmatic."
**Legal 500 2021**/Family: divorce and financial remedy/Western Bar

"I have known Imogen for more than 20 years, she is a go to barrister for both specialist Matrimonial Finances and complex Children Act matters. Imogen's client care to both her lay and professional clients is second to none." **Head of Family, Top 100 Law Firm**

"I just wanted to say that Imogen did a fantastic job. She came alive in court and did an excellent job. I would definitely instruct Imogen again." **Family law partner in a leading law firm, after final hearing in a contested financial remedies case with overseas assets, February 2024**

"I am so grateful for all the hard work you put into my case. I thought you were absolutely brilliant, both professionally and personally. You really took time for me and made me feel safe and comfortable. I also thought you did brilliantly in front of the judge." **Lay client in financial remedies case 2023**

*"Whilst playing only a relatively small part in the process of my divorce Imogen made a huge difference in achieving a positive outcome for me. She was very clear about what could realistically be achieved so there would be no surprises. I cannot speak highly enough of her or thank her enough for the compassion she showed me on that exceptionally difficult day." **Lay client in settlement of financial remedies case, 2022**

""Imogen was at first just the name of a barrister with a good reputation and wealth of experience recommended as just what I needed for my case; a barrister that two separate solicitors—from two completely different firms—had mentioned as their first choice for the family court I would be attending. My case was a complex and difficult one. The bundle was in excess of 1.5k A4 sheets of paper; much of it was not easy reading...During the actual hearing, I was deeply thankful for the way Imogen commanded the courtroom, while all the time remaining respectful and cordial to the other party. It really is an art that Imogen has perfected. Her tireless attention to detail and ability to pull threads together was remarkable and made all the difference to the outcome. Imogen is a credit to her profession and I will always be grateful that she took my case on and gave it her all the way she did. I would highly recommend Imogen to anyone who wants the best of both worlds; compassionate, clear communication, combined with wealth of knowledge and experience, second to none." **Lay client in a contested fact-finding hearing where findings were made of domestic abuse, 2023**

## Academic qualifications

- Inns of Court School of Law, London
- LLB (Hons)

- MCIArb – Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

## Professional bodies

- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Family Law Bar Association
- Western Circuit
- Ecclesiastical Law Society
- Institute of Family Law Arbitrators (IFLA)

## Direct Access

Imogen Robins is qualified to accept instructions directly from members of the public and professional clients under the Direct Public Access scheme.