

Scott Sharp

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Family

Scott Sharp is busy specialist family law barrister who appears in court and advises on Public Law Children (Care), Child Arrangements (Private Law) and Financial Remedies (including Divorce) and TOLATA disputes.

Public Law Children (Care)

Scott is regularly instructed to act for parents at all stages of Public Law Children proceedings. Scott is highly understanding that such proceedings can be extremely stressful and emotive for parents, and he is versatile in adapting to the specific needs of parents whilst providing robust and clear advice.

Scott has been instructed on a number of matters for parents with cognitive difficulties and has developed numerous techniques in client handling to enable them to be fully informed and engaged within proceedings.

Child Arrangements (Private Law)

Scott is also frequently instructed to represent parties in a range of Child Arrangement proceedings, ranging from non-molestation and occupation orders, to child arrangement disputes inclusive of change of residency and arguments relating to jurisdiction.

Internationally, Scott is currently representing a left-behind parent in the High Court, following the illegal retention of her five children in Belgium. Despite having previously obtained declarations in the High Court that the actions of the other parent amounted to international child abduction, and with concurrent 1980 Hague Convention proceedings in Belgium, which have ordered the return of the children, Scott continues the fight for their practical return to their mother.

Frequently, the cases involve allegations of domestic abuse of both historic and modern allegations.

Financial Remedies

Scott advises and represents clients at all stages within Financial Remedy Proceedings, and in particular he receives instruction in needs-based cases which include spousal maintenance and applications for variation.

He has developed a specialism in financial remedies work where there are economic abuse arguments in the dispute. This has seen him persuading a trustee for bankruptcy to stop an immediate order for a house sale and to increase the equity his client would eventually receive from the sale of the family home.

TOLATA disputes

Scott has excellent experience in dealing with disputes between former co-habitants in Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 cases (TOLATA) and undertakes the drafting of applications and well as representing clients at court.

Articles

Drawing on case law as well as his personal experience, Scott Sharp reviews if the introduction in law of the concept of economic abuse in the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 has resulted in the positive changes and improved outcomes for the victims that many hoped for.

View Article

Recommendations

"Mr Sharp's advice showed wisdom beyond his call. He is hardworking and a credit to Chambers."

Professional Client

"I just wanted to say that Scott's support and performance was outstanding. He was professional in every sense. From the moment he introduced himself to the final words afterwards. He delivered the message to the judge extremely well even stressing and explaining points well. He was fair and not aggressive in any sense and I definitely felt he was an asset for our case. He set the potential expectations before the hearing and the end results were exactly what he advised."

Professional Client

Academic qualifications

- BPTC, Very Competent, University of the West of England
- LLM, International Criminal and Human Rights Law, Bangor University
- LLB, 2.1, Bangor University

Professional bodies

- Member, Disability Panel, Bar Council
- Member, Honourable Society of the Middle Temple