



Kate Fenwick

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Family

Kate Fenwick's practice encompasses the full range of family law disputes, with a focus on international and high-net-worth cases. She is regularly instructed in multi-party, paper-heavy trials and complex advisory work, both pre- and post-issue.

Her considerable expertise includes:

- Divorce and Financial Remedies: High-value disputes involving business assets, trust interests and corporate valuations; issues of matrimonialisation, financial misconduct and dissipation of assets.
- Wealth Protection and Asset Structuring: Prenuptial and postnuptial agreements; reviewable dispositions; offshore trusts and asset protection structures; the impact of firewall provisions in offshore jurisdictions.
- Private Law Children: Fact-sensitive disputes involving domestic abuse, coercive and controlling behaviour and alienating behaviours; international and internal relocation, particularly between the UK, Bermuda and other Overseas Territories.
- Expert Instructions: Kate has significant expertise in advising and acting as an expert in both public and private law proceedings concerning the proposed placement or relocation of children to Bermuda, providing detailed evidence on the applicable legal frameworks and welfare considerations.

She has been consistently ranked in Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners as a Leading Junior. In 2023, she was appointed as a Deputy District Judge sitting in the Civil and Family jurisdictions, and in 2024 joined the Bermuda Human Rights Tribunal.

Kate is a problem solver and prides herself on being 'user friendly'. Her expertise is focused on running complex trials and advising from an early (often pre-issue) stage about how to prepare for or avoid them.

Divorce and Financial Remedy

Kate has experience and expertise in a broad range of family financial disputes including:

- Disputed business assets and valuations 'Matrimonialisation' of assets
- Imerman and illegally-obtained evidence
- Financial abuse and dissipation of assets
- Reviewable dispositions of matrimonial property
- Ante-nuptial agreements
- Offshore trusts and asset protection structures (including sham trusts)
- Applicability of 'firewall' provisions on offshore structures

Kate brings the weight of her offshore commercial litigation experience to her family practice. She is well-versed in issues of

directors duties, breach of confidence claims, Bermuda-exempt companies and Bermuda trusts.

Kate is comfortable with complex commercial structures involving offshore reinsurance vehicles and funding sidecar investments, as well as being able to effectively and incisively cross-examine experts charged with valuing closely-held private companies.

Private Law Children

Kate's private law children practice focuses on fact-sensitive cases which involve the most serious of issues including, domestic abuse, parental alienation and emotional harm, and sexual abuse. Kate also has a strong practice in complex international relocation cases, particularly those involving Bermuda and other previous British Overseas Territories.

Kate has considerable experience in child protection cases and an in-depth knowledge of Local Authority processes. Kate has acted for and against Local Authorities in the most serious and sensitive cases involving serious sexual abuse, multiple injuries and death of a child.

Kate handles the most challenging issues concerning children including:

- Alienating behaviours
- Domestic abuse and violence
- Coercive and controlling behaviour
- Allegations of serious sexual abuse of children
- Temporary and permanent removal from the jurisdiction
- Non-Court Dispute Resolution (NCDR)

NCDR/Arbitration

Alongside her litigation practice, Kate is a committed advocate of Non-Court Dispute Resolution. She is one of the architects of the Family Arbitration Scheme currently being developed in Bermuda in partnership with CI Arb – the scheme will be the first of its kind in Bermuda and will provide a forum to arbitrate both financial remedy and private law children disputes.

Expert Instructions

Kate is frequently instructed as an expert on Bermuda family law in proceedings before the English courts, particularly in public and private law children cases involving the placement of children in Bermuda.

Recommendations

"Kate is always well prepared and, whilst she is extremely intelligent, is also very much a kind and approachable advocate. She is always a pleasure to work alongside." **Legal 500, 2026**

"A brilliant advocate. She is very good with clients, instils confidence and is a very sophisticated advocate." **Chambers & Partners, 2025**

"Kate is a fantastic advocate. She builds an immediate rapport with clients who feel supported, confident and reassured with her by their side." **Chambers & Partners, 2025**

"She has a fantastic eye for detail and is always meticulously prepared. She is a robust and persuasive advocate who has the ability to put clients at ease straight away." **Chambers & Partners, 2025**

"Kate has been outstanding in her paperwork, advocacy and managing a very complex and difficult journey for this case to get it to a conclusion. The recent appeal has been problematic, but again her input, commitment and approach were faultless." **Professional client, 2025**

"An exceptional junior. She is a tough negotiator and a very confidence, eloquent advocate, who is very good with anxious or nervous clients." **Legal 500, 2024**

"A tenacious advocate with an eye for detail. Her ability to think on her feet is excellent and her knowledge of the law is prodigious." **Legal 500, 2023**

"Kate has the gift of putting clients and instructing solicitors at ease within minutes of meeting, building trust and confidence but remaining a professional and forthright manner. Her cross-examinations are compelling." **Legal 500, 2022**

Academic qualifications

- Financial Analysis and Valuation for Lawyers, Harvard Law School (2025)
- BPTC (Bar Professional Training Course), Bristol Institute of Legal Practice (2012–2013)
- LLB (Hons), University of Exeter (2009–2012)

Professional qualifications & appointments

- Deputy District Judge (Civil and Family Jurisdictions)
- Panel member, Human Rights Tribunal (Bermuda)
- Registered Associate, Bermuda

Professional bodies

- Member, International Bar Association (IBA)
- Member, Honourable Society of Inner Temple
- Member of the Family Law Bar Association (FLBA)
- Associate Member, Royal College of Paediatric and Child Health (RCPCH)
- Member, Bermuda Bar Association

Direct Access

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