Rachel Bloxwich



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Overview

Family law barrister Rachel Bloxwich joined 3PB in April 2021, having spent nearly 15 years practising as a family solicitor with law firms in the West Midlands. Most recently, Rachel worked for nearly four years with FBC Manby Bowdler as an Associate in their top-rated family team in Wolverhampton.

Rachel has specialised since qualification in 2007 in all aspects of family law and has gained extensive knowledge from her focus on financial remedy, private law children cases and domestic violence disputes. This has seen her build up a strong practice in divorce and separation cases, financial matters and advising on the arrangements for children. She accepts instructions for cases across the UK.

Rachel's financial remedy cases have involved complex and high value disputes, including those involving vulnerable parties.

Rachel forms part of the team involved in organising 3PB's popular annual Private Law and Financial Remedy conference and regularly speaks at their monthly Family Brunch webinars and frequently provides bespoke training and case updates to solicitors.

Recommendations

"She is just brilliant. She has great preparation and is very good with clients. She is very responsive, very good at overall strategy and both very pragmatic and calm."
"She is an absolute superstar! We use her more than any other barrister. She is great on both children and financial matters, brilliant with clients and ferocious in court. Rachel is a King's Counsel in the making!"
"Her preparation was second to none and she was an extremely tenacious advocate. Rachel remains one of my go to barristers in the set."
Chambers 2027/Family: Children/Leading juniors/Midlands Circuit

'Rachel is a formidable advocate and a force to be reckoned with. She is amazing on her feet and grasps complex issues quickly. She is persuasive in court and instantly puts clients at ease with her approachable bedside manner. Rachel is extremely committed to delivering exceptional results and impeccable customer service (to both the solicitor and lay client). I instruct Rachel regularly and take great comfort knowing my clients are in such safe hands. Rachel thinks outside the box and takes a proactive approach in cases, offering support beyond the scope of her brief as and when necessary.'
Legal 500 2027/Divorce and Financial Remedy/Leading juniors/Midlands Circuit

'Rachel is forthright and holds her own while on her feet. She is always well-prepared and personable. She takes time to

understand the client's needs and objectives and fights hard to achieve them.'
Legal 500 2027/Family: Children and Domestic Abuse/Leading juniors/Midlands Circuit

`Rachel is legally and tactically astute. She is excellent at dealing with emotionally sensitive situations and clients, and judges really listen to her. A fearless advocate.'
Legal 500 2026/Divorce and Financial Remedy/Leading juniors/Midlands Circuit

'Rachel has experience and expertise beyond her call having also previously practised as a solicitor. Rachel has a compassionate and reassuring manner with clients, whilst being a robust and respectful advocate, and she is particularly skilled at explaining the benefits of advancing a client's case in the most effective way, given the facts of their particular case, which puts clients at ease and obtains the necessary results.'
Legal 500 2026/Family: Children and Domestic Abuse/Leading juniors/Midlands Circuit

`Rachel is calm under pressure and extremely empathetic. She is always professional and courteous in her interactions with clients and other advocates. Rachel is a tenacious, knowledgeable and thoroughly well-prepared advocate and always offers pragmatic and well-thought-out advice to clients.'
Legal 500 2025/Divorce and Financial Remedy/Leading juniors/Midlands Circuit

3PB 'Rachel is thorough and well prepared. She is proactive and always willing to offer assistance and advice, not just in the lead-up to court hearings. She is very well-organised, and documents are always filed in good time. Her preparation and attention to detail are excellent.'
Legal 500 2024/Divorce and Financial Remedy/Leading juniors/Midlands Circuit

'Rachel Bloxwich is a true star. Her clients know from the outset that their case is in the safest and most dedicated hands. Her attention to detail and analysis of the issues in each case is outstanding'.
Legal 500, 2020

'Her appraisal of the difficult circumstances and ability to present a coherent picture of the multifaceted behaviour I was victim to, was appreciated. This was not an easy task. She assessed a large amount of information in fast moving situations and her expertise was invaluable to securing the outcome we desperately needed'
Client

"I was completely satisfied with Rachel, she was completely professional, efficient. I couldn't have been happier with her services."
Client

"Without Rachel's support, it is no exaggeration to say the outcome for me and my children would have been terrible. In these situations - legal advice is needed and not placating comments. Rachel gave the advice I needed to hear delivered with a human touch. With Rachel's advice and expertise, our future is much brighter than our past."
Client

"Rachel Bloxwich was very professional and caring. She guided me through the legal process, which gave me a clear understanding of what to expect for my day in court. I was very impressed with how prepared she was for my complicated case, she certainly had done her homework, which then resulted in an excellent outcome. I would certainly recommend Rachel to my family and friends."
Client

Academic qualifications

- University of Warwick: LLB Law 2:1
- College of Law: Legal Practice Course: Merit
- Admission to the Roll as a Solicitor: 2007

Professional bodies

- Family Law Bar Association

Expertise

Family

Rachel Bloxwich is a former solicitor-turned-barrister who specialises in handling divorce, separation, and financial matters and arrangements for children. Her busy caseload includes the following:

Financial Remedy

Rachel is ranked as a Leading Junior Counsel by the Legal 500 for her busy financial remedy practice. Rachel has extensive experience in representing parties in financial remedy disputes including those involving high net worth individuals, business assets, complex pension structures and cases requiring applications to freeze assets or reverse transactions.

Rachel is skilled at providing advice and representation on TOLATA matters, including those involving concurrent proceedings under Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989.

Rachel is known for taking a pragmatic and focused approach and understanding the need for cost-effective solutions for clients.

Rachel regularly deals with cases where expert evidence is required including actuarial and accountancy reports to value business structures, including family businesses, partnerships and minority shareholdings and where there are disputes concerning pre- and post-acquired assets.

She has experience in dealing with cases for individuals who have lost litigation capacity and who act via a litigation friend and in cases where one party raises the conduct of the other as a relevant factor.

Rachel is regularly instructed to represent parties at private FDRs and is experienced in utilising this format to achieve the best possible outcomes for clients.

Recent Cases:

K v K: represented applicant in financial remedy proceedings with extensive public sector pensions, property abroad and in circumstances where there was ongoing civil litigation concerning one party's business interests.

R v R: representing applicant in financial remedy proceedings with overseas pensions and pensions in payment.

W v P: represented applicant. Both parties had lost capacity. This was a short marriage with extensive pre-acquired assets where needs were a key factor and secured periodical payments a relevant consideration.

C v G: represented applicant in financial remedy proceedings where respondent raised conduct as a relevant factor and court heard submissions as to whether it should be taken into account.

K v S & K: represented applicant, providing urgent advice as to an application under s.37 Matrimonial Causes Act relating to the transfer of shares and in subsequent proceedings which included an intervenor and valuations of business interests.

R v R: represented respondent in financial remedy proceedings where the needs of a child with disabilities was a significant consideration and there was local authority involvement relating to funding home improvements to meet that child's needs.

K v B: represented applicant in financial remedy proceedings where there was extensive non-disclosure by the respondent.

Included applications for third-party disclosure orders and a valuation of an investment property portfolio.

D v D: represented applicant in financial remedy proceedings where the respondent, acting as a litigant in person, had lost capacity and the Official Solicitor invited to become involved.

F v F: proceedings under the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act commenced over 5 years post-separation. Representation at all hearings including CCMC and Final Hearings and dealing with costs budgeting arguments.

Private Law

Rachel Bloxwich has a wide range of experience in representing parties at all stages of private law children disputes, including disputes involving grandparents.

Rachel has extensive experience in complex private law matters involving:

- Alienating behaviours
- Domestic abuse
- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Drug or alcohol misuse
- S 91 (14) Orders
- Mental health issues

Rachel is adept at dealing with applications where there is an overlap between private law disputes and domestic violence injunctions. Rachel is experienced in dealing with applications for Special Guardianship Orders, including those which have arisen from care proceedings.

Rachel has excellent experience in representing parties where expert evidence is required from independent social workers, psychologists and teachers and where there is local authority involvement.

She is well-equipped to deal with applications concerning specific issues such as school placements and internal relocation.

Rachel also has experience of representing vulnerable parties, including those where capacity assessments are necessary and intermediaries or other participation directions are required.

Recent Cases:

J v J: representing applicant in complex private law proceedings against a leading KC, including specific issue applications concerning schooling, appointment of a Guardian, similar fact evidence and consolidation of other ongoing proceedings.

N v N: representing a parent in private law proceedings involving allegations of fabricated or induced illness and alienating behaviours.

J v J: representing applicant in long running private law proceedings relating to alienating behaviours, including involvement from a psychologist, instruction of an independent contact supervisor, appointment of a Guardian and involvement from the local authority. Arguments as to the children's living arrangements both in the short and longer term.

F v F: representing respondent in an application for internal relocation, where there had been local authority involvement.

N v G: representing applicant in an application for enforcement and variation in circumstances where alienating behaviour had been raised as a concern. Securing an early reinstatement of contact.

M v M: representing a parent in the fourth set of proceedings concerning a child with physical disabilities and learning difficulties. Proceedings concerning living arrangements, specific issues concerning a specialist school placement and

relating to the child's presence on social media.

A v Q: representing applicant in application regarding child arrangements, including on appeal of a case management decision regarding expert evidence.

Domestic Violence

Rachel has a wealth of experience in representing applicants and respondents in applications for non-molestation and occupation orders. This includes representing parties where extensive police disclosure and other expert evidence is required.

Rachel is known for her sensitive approach and understanding of the wider issues of the parties' needs and circumstances.

Recent Cases:

I v D: representing applicant in an application for a non-molestation order with allegations which would impact upon any subsequent Children Act proceedings and extensive video evidence.

S v S: representing party in application for occupation and non-molestation orders where both parties remained in occupation of the family home and clearly defined orders as to their occupation was required.