



Elaine Strachan

Year of Call: 1995

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Family

Elaine practises predominantly in financial claims on divorce. She also deals with property claims between unmarried partners and applications involving children for financial support under Schedule 1 Children Act 1989.

Her particular areas of expertise include third party claims, complex trust arrangements, assets located overseas and enforcement of orders.

Elaine routinely advises in areas such as nuptial agreements, trusts of land, insolvency and costs.

Elaine also undertakes private children work. Her cases often involve sensitive matters such as domestic abuse, sexual abuse and removal from the jurisdiction.

Whilst Elaine mostly represents parents, she regularly receives instructions to act on behalf of children through court appointed guardians (Cafcass and NYAS).

Elaine regularly provides lectures in all areas of family finance and she assists her Inn, the Middle Temple, in the education of student barristers.

With a wealth of experience, she is self-assured and calm, but firm in her style of representation.

Recent Cases of Interest:

Re B: October 2022

Successfully resisted an application to enforce the order for sale in a final order on the grounds that the consent order was not compliant with s24A MCA (although drafted in accordance with the President's Precedents). Costs awarded in full.

Re C: May/September 2022

Represented father at a 3 day fact-finding and 1 day final hearing in a private children matter. Case involved allegations of domestic abuse, including marital rape, financial abuse and coercive and controlling behaviours. Allegations not proven. Unsupervised contact between father and child restored.

Re O: July/November 2022

Representing a Guardian who invited the court to implement a suspended, transfer of residence order from mother to father – but on a long-term, rather than a temporary basis. Judge at first instance made order in terms sought by Guardian. The appeal against the decision was dismissed by Mrs Justice Theis.

Private Remote FDR Hearings

Elaine is available for private remote FDR hearings. For more information on private remote FDR hearings please click [here](#).

Recommendations

'Elaine is an efficient and thoughtful barrister.'

Legal 500 2025/Divorce and Financial Remedy/South Eastern Circuit/ Leading Junior

'Elaine is meticulous in her preparation and is very knowledgeable. She tenaciously defends her clients' positions and can quickly build a rapport with them. She always provides a thorough and timely update following a hearing.'

Legal 500 2025/Family: Children and Domestic Violence/South Eastern Circuit/ Leading Junior

'Elaine is a completely safe pair of hands. Her preparation is always immaculate, and her drafting of documents is faultless.'

Legal 500 2024/Divorce and Financial Remedy/South Eastern Circuit/ Leading Junior

'Elaine is thorough and efficient with her preparation. Her advice is always realistic and clear. She is sympathetic to clients and will always fight the client's case. She creates constructive ways to deal with matters and is a highly professional advocate.'

Legal 500 2024/Family: Children and Domestic Violence/South Eastern Circuit/ Leading Junior

Academic qualifications

- MA (Hons) (Cantab)

Scholarships

- Harmsworth Scholar and Exhibitioner Middle Temple

Professional bodies

- Family Law Bar Association