



# Nick Davies

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## Overview

Nick Davies specialises in family law and practises across the full range of this area at all levels of the family court as well as the High Court and Court of Appeal. He also practises in Personal Injury cases.

Nick is qualified to accept cases under the direct public access scheme. He accepts direct access instructions in family cases to advise generally in respect of proceedings or proposed applications, assist in the preparation of paperwork, and represent clients at Court from the beginning to the end of a case.

## Financial Proceedings

Nick also has extensive experience in financial remedy proceedings, at all stages from first appointment to final hearing and appeal including preliminary issues concerning the beneficial ownership of assets and maintenance pending suit.

In addition to financial proceedings arising from divorce, Nick is also experienced in TOLATA matters and other beneficial ownership disputes, including those involving boats. Nick has additional experience in matters involving equitable accounting.

Nick also represented clients, at CSA and CMEC Tribunals, both at First Tier and Second Tier level. He has experience in dealing with a range of issues, including contested jurisdiction and habitual residence in this context.

Nick is also experienced in dealing with divorce proceedings themselves including defended divorce. He also has experience in dealing with related applications such as preventing the grant of decree absolute.

## Children Proceedings

Nick's practice regularly includes private law children work in all areas of arrangements for children, particularly intractable contact disputes including those requiring the appointment of a Guardian. He has experience of dealing with cases of allegations of physical and sexual abuse as well as extensive experience of cases involving domestic violence. He is experienced in dealing with fact finding hearings in this context. Nick is particularly experienced in dealing with cases involving litigants in person.

Nick is also experienced in dealing with cases of disputed medical treatment in the High Court.

Nick appears regularly in care proceedings at all stages from EPO until final hearing. He acts for all parties including local authorities, parents, grandparents and children as well as intervenors and special guardians.

Nick is experienced in wardship, both when arising out of public law proceedings as well as in cases with an international

aspect. Nick also has experience in matters of child abduction, leave to remove and other aspects of the law concerning the international movement of children.

Nick is experienced in all aspects of injunctions under the Family Law Act 1996.

Nick also undertakes work in the Court of Protection. He is also experienced in representing those who lack capacity in all other areas of practice.

## **Academic qualifications**

- BA Philosophy, Politics and Economics at New College, Oxford
- Postgraduate Diploma in Law at City University
- Bar Vocational Course at BPP Law School

## **Professional bodies**

- Bar Pro Bono Unit
- Family Law Bar Association
- Personal Injury Bar Association (PIBA)

## **Direct Access**

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

## **Family**

Nick specialises in family law and practises across the full range of this area at all levels of the family court as well as the High Court and Court of Appeal.

Nick is qualified to accept cases under the direct public access scheme. He accepts direct access instructions in family cases to advise generally in respect of proceedings or proposed applications, assist in the preparation of paperwork, and represent clients at Court from the beginning to the end of a case.

### **Financial Proceedings**

Nick also has extensive experience in financial remedy proceedings, at all stages from first appointment to final hearing and appeal including preliminary issues concerning the beneficial ownership of assets.

He has particular experience in dealing with cases involving the following issue:

- Assets located overseas and disputes over their ownership and valuation, particularly in India and South Asia
- Land, including third-party interests and the effect of planning permission on valuation.  
Family and other trusts
- Seeking emergency remedies such as search and freezing injunctions in the High Court.
- Pensions, particularly police and military pensions
- Maintenance pending suit, interim periodical payments and school fees
- Companies, their valuation and ownership including family-owned companies and “piercing the corporate veil”
- Shares and share options

Nick has worked with clients from a wide range of backgrounds and is experienced in dealing with various cultural issues that arise from divorce proceedings. He is experienced in working with clients with disabilities particularly the deaf and blind/partially sighted. Nick is also experienced in the court's approach to the treatment of personal injury damages on divorce.

In addition to financial proceedings arising from divorce, Nick is also experienced in TOLATA matters and other beneficial ownership disputes, including those involving boats. Nick has additional experience in matters involving equitable accounting.

Nick also represented clients, at CSA and CMEC Tribunals, both at First Tier and Second Tier level. He has experience in dealing with a range of issues, including contested jurisdiction and habitual residence in this context.

Nick is also experienced in dealing with divorce proceedings themselves including defended divorce. He also has experience in dealing with related applications such as preventing the grant of decree absolute.

### **Children Proceedings**

Nick's practice also includes private law children work in all areas of arrangements for children, particularly intractable contact disputes including those requiring the appointment of a Guardian. He has experience of dealing with cases of allegations of physical and sexual abuse as well as extensive experience of cases involving domestic violence. He is experienced in dealing with fact finding hearings in this context. Nick is particularly experienced in dealing with cases involving litigants in person.

Nick is also experienced in dealing with cases of disputed medical treatment in the High Court. He also deals with disputes over choice of schooling and internal relocation.

Nick appears regularly in care proceedings at all stages from EPO until final hearing. He acts for all parties including local authorities, parents, grandparents and children as well as intervenors and special guardians. He has experience in matters involving serious allegations of sexual and physical abuse, including non-accidental injuries, and in dealing with complex medical evidence of these. Nick also has experience in adoption matters and has appeared in the Court of Appeal on an issue of post-adoption contact

Nick is experienced in wardship, both when arising out of public law proceedings as well as in cases with an international aspect. Nick also has experience in matters of child abduction, leave to remove and other aspects of the law concerning the international movement of children.

Nick is experienced in all aspects of injunctions under the Family Law Act 1996.

Nick also undertakes work in the Court of Protection. He is also experienced in representing those who lack capacity in all other areas of practice.

### **Reported Cases**

A County Council v (1) X (By her Guardian Official Solicitor) (2) Y (3) J (By her Guardian) [2010] EWCA Civ 581. Appeared in the Court of Appeal on a matter of post-adoption contact.