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Overview

Nicola (formerly Simpson) Martin has recently relinquished the role of Head of the Family Law Group in chambers after five years leading this professional and busy team. She is one of a minority of experienced family lawyers who not only conducts high net worth ancillary relief proceedings but also complex care cases (involving death or serious injury to a child) and sensitive private law children matters, including abduction and relocation.

With experience over 30 years spanning from appearances before magistrates to the Privy Council Nicola brings a pragmatic and helpful approach to her cases and is renowned for skilful cross examination, retaining an empathy with clients from all walks of life.

Recommendations

Nicola is 'A robust and approachable advocate' and is also described as 'A vigorous advocate, and a very safe pair of hands'.

Legal 500 2018/19 / Tier 1

Nicola is recommended by the **Legal 500 Bar Directory 2017** for her expertise in the Regional Bar - Western Circuit.

Family and children law – Leading juniors

'She is pragmatic and excellent with clients.'

Regional Bar - South Eastern Circuit.

Family and children law – Leading juniors

'Known for financial relief and complex care cases.'

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Family and children law – Leading juniors

Nicola Martin – An extremely experienced and impressive advocate, who is skilled at fighting her client's corner.

Regional Bar - South Eastern Circuit.

Family and children law – Leading juniors

Nicola Martin – An excellent negotiator and a robust advocate.

Legal 500 Bar Directory 2015:

Regional Bar - Western Circuit.

Family and children law – Leading juniors

Nicola Martin – She can navigate very quickly through a jungle of documents to find the answer

Regional Bar - South Eastern Circuit.

Family and children law – Leading juniors

Nicola Martin – She is approachable, good with clients, and flexible in her approach

Legal 500 UK Directory 2014 for her expertise in the Western Circuit for her Family expertise at the Bar.

"3PB's Nicola Martin 'never disappoints'."

Nicola Martin is recognised for her expertise by the **Chambers & Partners UK Bar Directory 2019:**

Family/Matrimonial - Western (Bar) – Band 3

Highly thought of for her work taking on difficult childcare cases, including those involving serious injury or death. She is additionally well respected for her work in matrimonial finance cases.

"Experienced, professional and confident in court." "A very strong advocate who is also very easy to work with. She is always well prepared and has an excellent relationship with clients."

Chambers & Partners UK Bar Directory 2018:

Family/Matrimonial - Western (Bar) – Band 3

Strengths: "She is very experienced and she fights her client's corner."

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Recognised for her work on Schedule 1 applications and care arrangement proceedings. She is an expert in financial relief, as well as child abuse matters.

Strengths: "An excellent advocate. She is formidable in cross-examination."

Chambers & Partners UK Bar Directory 2015:

Family Law/Matrimonial – Western Bar

Nicola Martin covers the full range of family law, with particular strengths in challenging financial remedy matters, serious child welfare cases and private children's proceedings.

Expertise: "She is an excellent advocate who is formidable in cross-examination."

Chambers and Partners UK Bar Directory 2014:

Family/Matrimonial – Western Bar

Nicola Martin of 3PB Barristers continues to draw praise for her family practice and is particularly well respected for her work in complex financial proceedings with demanding clients. She is held in very high regard for her client-handling skills, and is known for her supportive manner.

Expertise: "She is able to get a firm grasp of the case, be clear in her advice and deliver it firmly where necessary whilst still maintaining empathy with the client."

Recent work: Instructed on complex financial proceedings, including TOLATA claims, and sensitive childcare cases, including child death.

Nicola has also been recommended in several previous editions of both the Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners directories.

Expert Testimonial

".....I would like to say how very very impressed I have been about the work that I have seen you do in this

case.

Your contribution to the hearing last week, your factual knowledge of the case and your legal commitment to the welfare of the children were all of the very highest order." [2017]

Client testimonial

"I should just like to say thank you for your support over what has been a very difficult and stressful few days... (The solicitor) said you were the best there is and he was absolutely correct". [2014]

Academic qualifications

- LLB (Birmingham)

Professional bodies

- Family Law Bar Association
- Western Circuit

Family

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Recent notable cases include

- Q v R (intractable contact) [2017] EWFC B35 (28 June 2017)
- Ancillary Relief high net worth involving assets worldwide and allegations of hidden assets and non disclosure [2014]
- Care proceedings involving serious injuries, including fractures and brain injuries to a baby. Consideration of whether the extended family were implicated and if not whether the children could be sufficiently safeguarded within the family [2014]
- Contested residence and internal relocation contact proceedings with background of serious assault, alleged assault on a child with social services and Police involvement [2014]
- High value ancillary relief involving pre martial assets and disputed dissipation [2014]
- Representing young mother in care proceedings. Difficult issues in relation to extended family, history of removal of previous children, parents abusive relationship [2014]
- Representing father in relation to high net worth Sch 1 Children's Act claims, including overseas trusts. Application to strike out and variation of child arrangements. International elements [2014]
- Complex Ancillary Relief case with allegations of hidden assets. Previous intevener proceedings. Future ownership of joint business [2014]
- Representation of a young mother in care proceedings resulting in return to her of 3 year old child and retention of unborn baby. Allegations of drug taking and chaotic lifestyle [2014]