

# Legal 500 UK Bar 2026 results - Family law team

## Group rankings

- The Legal 500 ranks our team **Tier 1** for
  - Midlands - Family: children and domestic abuse
  - Midlands - Family: divorce and financial remedy
  - Western - Family: children and domestic abuse
- Our Family: divorce and financial remedy team is ranked **Tier 2** in Western
- Our Family: children and domestic abuse team is ranked **Tier 3** in South Eastern

## Individual rankings

Barristers ranked in Legal 500	Legal 500 section	Bar	2026
Gemma Farrington KC	Family: children and domestic abuse	London	Yes
Poonam Bhari	Family: children and domestic abuse	London	Yes
Adeo Fraser	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	Yes
Aimee Fox	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	Yes
Amy Beddis	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	Yes
Andrew Duncan	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	Yes
Ayesha Bell-Paris	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	New
Eleanor Marsh	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	Yes
Elizabeth McGrath KC	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	Yes
Emma Griffiths	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	Yes
Frida Dahlqvist	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	Yes
Laura Scott	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	Yes
Lawrence Messling	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	Yes
Lucy Clayton	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	Yes
Lucy Hendry KC	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	Yes
Matiss Krumins	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	New
Nathalie Bull	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	Yes
Nicola Brown	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	Yes
Nicola Martin	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	Yes
Paul Froud	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	Yes
Poonam Bhari	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	Yes
Rachel Bloxwich	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	New
Ria Herbert	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	New
Sam Pentony	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	Yes
Stephen Abberley	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	Yes
Susan Todd	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	Yes
Vanessa Meachin KC	Family: children and domestic abuse	Midlands	Yes

Alex Hodge	Family: children and domestic abuse	South Eastern	Yes
Elaine Strachan	Family: children and domestic abuse	South Eastern	Yes
Emma Griffiths	Family: children and domestic abuse	South Eastern	Yes
Gemma Farrington KC	Family: children and domestic abuse	South Eastern	Yes
Harriet Lavis	Family: children and domestic abuse	South Eastern	New
Laura Buchan	Family: children and domestic abuse	South Eastern	New
Nicola Martin	Family: children and domestic abuse	South Eastern	Yes
Sam Pentony	Family: children and domestic abuse	South Eastern	Yes
Amy Lush	Family: children and domestic abuse	Western	Yes
Elisabeth Hudson	Family: children and domestic abuse	Western	Yes
Emma Harman	Family: children and domestic abuse	Western	Yes
Emma Southern	Family: children and domestic abuse	Western	Yes
Esther Lieu	Family: children and domestic abuse	Western	New
Gemma Chapman	Family: children and domestic abuse	Western	Yes
June Venters KC	Family: children and domestic abuse	Western	New
Kellie Salter	Family: children and domestic abuse	Western	Yes
Lucy Hendry KC	Family: children and domestic abuse	Western	Yes
Nicola Frost	Family: children and domestic abuse	Western	Yes
Sarah Jennings	Family: children and domestic abuse	Western	Yes
Sarah O'Hara	Family: children and domestic abuse	Western	Yes
Steven Howard	Family: children and domestic abuse	Western	Yes
Hamish Dunlop	Family: divorce and financial remedy	London	Yes
Peter Wilkinson	Family: divorce and financial remedy	London	Yes
Aimee Fox	Family: divorce and financial remedy	Midlands	Yes
Charles Hogan	Family: divorce and financial remedy	Midlands	Yes
Davinia Riley	Family: divorce and financial remedy	Midlands	Yes
Eleanor Marsh	Family: divorce and financial remedy	Midlands	Yes
Luke Nelson	Family: divorce and financial remedy	Midlands	Yes
Michael George	Family: divorce and financial remedy	Midlands	Yes
Nathalie Bull	Family: divorce and financial remedy	Midlands	Yes
Rachel Bloxwich	Family: divorce and financial remedy	Midlands	Yes
Roger Thomas	Family: divorce and financial remedy	Midlands	Yes
Elaine Strachan	Family: divorce and financial remedy	South Eastern	Yes
Laura Buchan	Family: divorce and financial remedy	South Eastern	Yes
Louise Worton	Family: divorce and financial remedy	South Eastern	Yes
Nicola Martin	Family: divorce and financial remedy	South Eastern	Yes
Amy Beddis	Family: divorce and financial remedy	Western	Yes
Esther Lieu	Family: divorce and financial remedy	Western	Yes
Hamish Dunlop	Family: divorce and financial remedy	Western	Yes
Imogen Robins	Family: divorce and financial remedy	Western	Yes
Mark Elliott	Family: divorce and financial remedy	Western	Yes
Nicola Frost	Family: divorce and financial remedy	Western	Yes
Oliver Thorne	Family: divorce and financial remedy	Western	Yes

# Team Commentary

## Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence – Tier 1

With 'a profound understanding of family law and non-accidental injury cases' and considerable experience in care, adoption, and private law matters **Vanessa Meachin KC** heads up the family law group at 3PB, 'an excellent set with a range of barristers of the highest quality in the field of complex care proceedings'. **Emma Griffiths** leads the children law practice, and head of chambers **Elizabeth McGrath KC** has a 'brilliant bedside manner' and an active private and public law practice, the former including cases surrounding domestic abuse, coercive and controlling behaviour, and parental alienation, and the latter demonstrating expertise in proceedings with international elements. **Lucy Hendry KC** is an 'extremely effective and dynamic advocate' and is highly proficient in representing an array of clients, including children, intervenors, and guardians, including those with cognitive and capacity issues. Turning to the juniors, **Nicola Martin** also has a broad ranging practice, encompassing care cases arising from serious and fatal injuries to children, and private law cases concerning abduction and relocation. **Aimee Fox** is highly skilled in handling proceedings centred around children with significant educational needs. **Matiss Krumins** is another notable practitioner with prowess in administrative law and judicial review proceedings - he appeared in the unusual case of *The Father v Worcestershire CC*, representing the local authority in the Supreme Court against a litigant in person, who sought the return of his children from a care order not through any family law remedy but through a writ of habeas corpus. **Lucy Clayton** has a strong focus on cases surrounding issues of parental alienation, sexual abuse, and coercive control, as well as surrogacy-related matters.

### Testimonials

'Ian Charlton is always attentive and will always be available to help. Isabelle Lea is extremely good, has excellent communication and makes you feel that she has everything under control.'

'Ian Charlton is a go-to. You can completely trust his opinion.'

'David Sadler is efficient, helpful and provides excellent customer service.'

'The clerks are helpful and always willing to assist, and they will go above and beyond in order to accommodate choice of counsel. They are so helpful. Gemma Hyett is wonderful to deal with.'

'The clerks' room is excellent. Ian Charlton, Gemma Hyett, Rob Leonard and Philip Jones are exceptional and will do anything they can to help and are very approachable.'

'Isabelle Lee and Gemma Hyett are fantastic; very swift to respond and always on top of their barristers' diaries.'

'An excellent, strong clerking team. Ian Charlton is always accommodating and helpful and is extremely well supported by Isabelle Lee, Gemma Hyett, and Philip Jones who are always pleasant, responsive and helpful and cannot do enough.'

'Ian Charlton and Rob Leonard are class acts. They go the extra mile on availability as well as fee negotiation. You feel like you have a genuine relationship with them. They really look after you.'

## **Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: divorce and financial remedy – Tier 1**

'First-rate set' 3PB is highly regarded in the Midlands for its excellent track record in handling high-value divorce and financial remedy cases. **Michael George** is 'a shining light in the field of high-net-worth financial remedy work'. **Nathalie Bull** is regularly instructed in complex financial remedy cases involving international property portfolios and acquisitions of pre-marital or post-separation assets, as well as matters arising from health complexities impacting on earning capacity. **Charles Hogan**'s workload includes TOLATA, Part III and Schedule 1 claims. **Rachel Bloxwich** is well-versed in advising on complex cases involving pensions and business assets, and is often instructed on behalf of individuals who lack capacity to litigate.

### **Testimonials**

'Ian Charlton is brilliant. He goes the extra mile on availability.'

'Ian Charlton, Gemma Hyett, and Philip Jones are exceptional.'

'Patrick Robson and Patrick Steptoe stand out as star performers, always on hand to solve problems and find a helpful way forward.'

'Isabelle Lee is professional, friendly, and a natural problem solver.'

'An excellent family set.'

'Breadth, strength and depth in all family matters.'

'Wealth of talent at all levels of seniority.'

'Amazing set.'

## **Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence – Tier 1**

3PB is 'an excellent chambers and a go-to for family matters'. Among the silks at the set, **Lucy Hendry KC** is praised as 'one of the best silks on the circuit'; she is a children's law specialist, frequently handling both public and private law mandates for children, interveners, and Guardians. The set is also home to **June Venters KC**, the first woman solicitor to be appointed silk before joining the bar. Among the juniors, **Sarah O'Hara** has appeared before the Court of Appeal, and her practice has a strong focus on injuries to children, including fractures, bruising, and brain injuries. 'Exceptional advocate' **Emma Harman** sits part time as a Deputy District Judge, and she practices in both public and private law, the former part of her offering covering neglect, sexual abuse, and fatal injuries to children, and the latter consisting of disputes around contact, the abduction of children, and removal of children to a different

jurisdiction. **Steven Howard**, who is 'always impeccably prepared', is predominantly active in care proceedings, while **Elisabeth Hudson** has experience in cases surrounding the Hague Convention and moving children to other countries.

### Testimonials

'All of the clerks are extremely helpful and knowledgeable. Patrick Steptoe and Jess Street in particular, both of whom have been great to work with. They respond promptly and are happy to help.'

'The clerks' room is excellent. Ian Charlton, Gemma Hyett, Robert Leonard and Philip Jones are exceptional. They will do anything they can to help and are very approachable.'

'Very good, will always go the extra mile to find counsel for you. Mark Heath is excellent.'

'The clerks, especially Sarah Jenking and Rob Leonard, are top tier. They go above and beyond to help.'

'Sarah Jenking is one of the most helpful clerks you can deal with. Nothing is too much trouble and she is almost always able to help, regardless of the short notice or the type of matter requiring assistance. Generally speaking, the clerks room at 3PB is efficient, helpful and extremely competent.'

'Sarah Jenking is particularly good. She is very quick in coming back to you with options of representation. On the whole, the Bournemouth clerks' room continues to provide a very good level of service.'

'Sarah Jenking is a particularly helpful and knowledgeable clerk.'

'Sarah Jenking is particularly helpful and always goes above and beyond to find the right counsel for your case.'

### Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Family: divorce and financial remedy – Tier 2

At 3PB, the 'outstanding' family finance team has an excellent track record in handling a broad range of complex financial remedy matters. Group head **Hamish Dunlop** has 'a depth of knowledge and experience at his fingertips', and continues to act on financial remedy cases involving family farms and businesses. The 'methodical' **Esther Lieu** is well-versed in advising on TOLATA applications and Schedule 1 claims, as well as cases involving pre and post-nuptial agreements and overseas assets. **Mark Elliott** regularly represents clients in cohabitation disputes.

### Testimonials

'Rob Leonard runs the ship as if there are 36 hours in the day.'

'Ian Charlton, Gemma Hyett, Rob Leonard and Philip Jones are exceptional.'

'Tom Cox and Jess Street are awesome.'

'Sarah Jenking is exceptional.'

'3PB has a great depth of knowledge.'

'Very accommodating and friendly set.'

'A strong set.'

'A great range of barristers.'

## **Regional Bar > South Eastern Circuit > Family: children and domestic abuse – Tier 3**

3PB's family law team is 'particularly strong in relation to child arrangements matters' and it offers 'a wealth of talent in its members'. One such member is the 'experienced' **Nicola Martin**, whose practice encompasses the entirety of family law, from private children law proceedings covering abduction and parental alienation, and public law proceedings surrounding fatal and serious injuries inflicted on children. Head of the children's group **Emma Griffiths** is also experienced in both private and public law mandates, as well as Court of Protection cases. **Elaine Strachan** is another key name to note with expertise in national and international relocation cases and 'a fantastic ability to pick up on the intricate facts of a case quickly'. Additionally, **Sam Pentony** is sought after for his skill in representing parents in care proceedings, as he is 'a tenacious and persuasive advocate'.

### **Testimonials**

'Patrick Steptoe is very helpful and accommodating.'

'The clerks have been very helpful and always gone above and beyond. Lewis Edwards is absolutely fantastic and always helpful.'

'Patrick Steptoe and Lewis Edwards have both been very helpful in booking counsel and assisting with the continuity of counsel, wherever possible.'

'David Sadler is always quick to respond to emails and very pleasant and helpful.'

'The clerks are very friendly, accommodating and organised. The clerks build excellent relationships with local solicitors, making us feel that they are a safe pair of hands.'

'All the clerks are very professional and easy to deal with.'

'Patrick Steptoe, Patrick Robson, Lewis Edwards, Dave Snook and Isabelle Lee in particular have been so helpful over recent years with my cases. They are all very down to earth, lovely to deal with and turn requests round really quickly. No request is too much for them and they are all very knowledgeable in their roles.'

'The clerks deserve particular mention, as they always go above and beyond to find appropriate counsel for a case and provide regular communication. They are always attentive to further communications requiring information being passed to counsel close to hearings and acknowledge the same so you can rest assured counsel has it.'

## Individual Commentary

### **Elizabeth McGrath KC - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: children and domestic abuse**

'Elizabeth is very much the whole package, as she is extremely knowledgeable and experienced, she has a brilliant bedside manner, especially with clients who are vulnerable, and she has the ability to explain the most complex legal matters in a way that can be understood simply by lay clients. Her preparation and research in cases is meticulous, she leaves no stone unturned, her written arguments are incredibly strong, and her advocacy is equally impressive.'

### **June Venters KC - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence - NEW**

'June is a remarkable advocate, she is exceptionally hard working, and she knows her case from all directions. She is entirely unflappable in court and has a presence which demands the court's attention, and her ability to read a witness and understand how to get what she needs from them in cross-examination is second-to-none.'

### **Vanessa Meachin KC - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence**

Vanessa is a distinguished King's Counsel with a stellar reputation for excellence in advocacy. With over 35 years call, she has consistently demonstrated exceptional skill in handling complex and challenging cases, and her expertise spans across all areas of family law, where she has achieved remarkable success and recognition.'

### **Lucy Hendry KC - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence**

**Lucy Hendry KC** is an 'extremely effective and dynamic advocate' and is highly proficient in representing an array of clients, including children, intervenors, and guardians, including those with cognitive and capacity issues.

'Lucy is a determined advocate who will always present the client's case with tenacity and enthusiasm. She is unwavering in her dedication to justice and has earned the respect of peers, clients, and opposing counsel alike.'

### **Lucy Hendry KC - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence**

Among the silks at the set, **Lucy Hendry KC** is praised as 'one of the best silks on the circuit'; she is a children's law specialist, frequently handling both public and private law mandates for children, intervenors, and Guardians.

'Lucy is a confident and robust advocate, her preparation is thorough and she always has a strong grasp of the papers, even in the most complex cases. Her understanding of complex medical issues and her ability to cross-examine experts makes her stand out from the crowd in terms of her advocacy.'



**Gemma Farrington KC is ranked a Leading Silk for Family: children and domestic abuse in South Eastern**

**Gemma Farrington KC - London Bar > Family: children and domestic violence**

'Gemma is an outstanding barrister: she is exceptionally strategic, her courtroom presence is calm and poised, and her submissions and cross-examination are sharp and impressive.'

**Emma Griffiths - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence**

**Emma Griffiths - Regional Bar > South Eastern Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence**

Head of the children's group **Emma Griffiths** is also experienced in both private and public law mandates, as well as Court of Protection cases.

**Nicola Martin - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: children and domestic abuse – Tier 1**

**Nicola Martin - Regional Bar > South Eastern Circuit > Family: children and domestic abuse – Tier 1**

'Nicola is very empathetic to the clients and has an ability to draw them out and connect with them. She is a fine advocate and in addition is fast at providing written advice, is very approachable for solicitors and supportive to them, and seems to be always available for a discussion on any case.'

**Nicola Martin - Regional Bar > South Eastern Circuit > Family: divorce and financial remedy**

'Nicola is a calming influence on a case, immediately settling the client's concerns with reassuring but clear advice.'

**Sarah O'Hara - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Family: children and domestic abuse**

**Sarah O'Hara** has appeared before the Court of Appeal, and her practice has a strong focus on injuries to children, including fractures, bruising, and brain injuries.

**Elisabeth Hudson - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Family: children and domestic abuse – Tier 1**

'Elisabeth is very personable and is able to put clients at ease very quickly, which helps them to trust and understand the advice she provides. She always plans her advocacy so she is able to explain to the client the arguments to be made, and the potential pitfalls.'

**George – Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: divorce and financial remedy – Tier 1**

[Michael George](#) is 'a shining light in the field of high-net-worth financial remedy work'. He is able to quickly distill the essence of a case but never loses sight of the personal aspects, which makes him an outstanding negotiator. Michael has the rare ability to tell instructing solicitors and their clients what they need, but might not want to hear. He is a master advocate.'



**Hamish Dunlop - London Bar > Family: divorce and financial remedy**

**Hamish Dunlop - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Family: divorce and financial remedy – Tier 1**

Hamish is a distinguished barrister. His advocacy style is both assertive and measured, providing a strong presence in court. He is able to build strong, trusting relationships with clients.'

**Imogen Robins - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Family: divorce and financial remedy**

Imogen has a sharp eye for detail. Her knowledge of the law is exemplary, and she is warm and personable while also taking a hard line when needed. A stellar barrister.'

**Susan Todd - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence**

'Susan is an exceptionally hardworking member of the Bar with outstanding attention to detail. Her dedication and precision in every task is truly impressive, and she consistently ensures accuracy in all aspects of her cases, from thorough research to meticulous document preparation.'

**Elaine Strachan - Regional Bar > South Eastern Circuit > Family: children and domestic abuse**

'Elaine has a fantastic ability to pick up on the intricate facts of a case quickly and she is able to adapt to clients' personalities and knows exactly how best to approach a matter, whether that be with a robust approach or more tentative. She is able to recall, with precision, specific facts from lengthy papers in conference with the client, which is impressive and reassuring for the client who knows instantly that Elaine has prepared meticulously.'

**Elaine Strachan - Regional Bar > South Eastern Circuit > Family: divorce and financial remedy**

'Elaine takes on highly charged cases with unshakeable calm. She has a marvellous grasp of the facts and relevant issues, and she inspires real confidence in clients.'

**Poonam Bhari is ranked in the London Bar for Family: children and domestic abuse**

**Poonam Bhari is ranked in the Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence**

**Stephen Abberley - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence**

**Louise Worton - Regional Bar > South Eastern Circuit > Family: divorce and financial remedy**

'Louise is meticulous and has an analytical mind. She builds a good rapport with the client but is able to give robust advice where required.'

**Laura Scott - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence**

'Laura demonstrates exceptional advocacy skills, consistently presenting clients' cases with clarity, precision and confidence. She has an excellent approach to client care, demonstrating genuine empathy and understanding, particularly in sensitive cases involving domestic abuse or vulnerable clients, and she has a good, thorough understanding of family law and her ability to reference relevant case law and apply it effectively in proceedings.'

**Roger Thomas – Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: divorce and financial remedy**

'Roger's preparation is first-class. He is forthright yet reassuring with clients, and has the ear of the court, knowing exactly which points to push.'

**Gemma Chapman - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Family: children and domestic abuse**

'Gemma is quick thinking and hard working, she fights tirelessly for her clients and doesn't readily settle and instead she rises to the challenge and keeps pressing forwards to overcome obstacles that may be in her path.'

**Emma Harman - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Family: children and domestic abuse – Tier 1**

'Emma is an exceptional advocate, well prepared, empathetic and clear about the client's objectives and how they might be achieved. She provides clear advice throughout, and her advocacy is concise and calm, whilst being deeply rooted in her instructions and the law.'

**Peter Wilkinson - London Bar > Family: divorce and financial remedy**

'Peter is a very sharp and focused advocate, and he is supremely diligent in his preparation and has the ability to cut across various issues while remaining on point. Peter is forceful on his feet, very persuasive and gives clear and thoughtful advice which instils utter confidence in the client.'

**Nathalie Bull - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence**

**Nathalie Bull - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: divorce and financial remedy**

'Nathalie is always well prepared and tough in cross examination. She has an excellent manner with clients, being empathetic while giving sensitive but robust advice.'

**Davinia Riley - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: divorce and financial remedy**

'Davinia is straight talking and extremely personable. She goes above and beyond to help clients.'

**Oliver Thorne – Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Family: divorce and financial remedy**

'Oliver is an excellent advocate. He is excellent with clients and can command judges' attention with ease.'

**Emma Southern - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Family: children and domestic abuse**

'Emma's advocacy is second-to-none. She is a go-to advocate in the most complex of cases, in particular cases involving non-accidental injuries, and she is empathetic with clients and also meticulous in her analysis of the case papers.'

**Aimee Fox - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: children and domestic abuse**

'Aimee is a formidable opponent. She is sharp as a razor and calm under pressure. Aimee quickly gets to grips with complex issues and instinctively handles the most sensitive of situations. She is a pleasure to work with and skilled beyond her call.'

**Aimee Fox** is highly skilled in handling proceedings centred around children with significant educational needs.

**Aimee Fox - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: divorce and financial remedy – Tier 1**

'She is a very strong advocate.'

**Mark Elliott - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Family: divorce and financial remedy**

'Mark has the ability to set you at ease even when dealing with the most difficult of cases. He is sensible and realistic in his advice but will happily do battle as and where required.'

**Matiss Krumins – Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: children and domestic abuse**

'Matiss is incredibly easy to instruct, with a natural ability to understand and execute complex instructions with precision. In court, his advocacy is both effective and calm, and when it comes to cross-examination, he is formidable.'

**Alex Hodge - Regional Bar > South Eastern Circuit > Family: children and domestic abuse**

**Sarah Jennings - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Family: children and domestic abuse**

'Sarah is very organised, she is always well prepared and promptly advises those instructing of the hearing outcome. Sarah is strong, confident and always has a wonderful compassionate manner with clients.'

**Steven Howard - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence**

'Steven is an exceptionally diligent, thorough and knowledgeable advocate. He is capable of advocating on extremely complex and nuanced medical issues and points of law, to great effect.'

**Nicola Frost - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Family: divorce and financial remedy****Nicola Frost - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence**

'Nicola Frost has incredible advocacy skills, a great kindness with clients and is always available to take a call, answer an email or take a brief meeting with a vulnerable client. Her advocacy style is firm when necessary, and she gets the ear of the judge and ensures that the judge has considered her point before moving on.'

**Amy Beddis is ranked for Family: children and domestic abuse in the Midland Circuit – Tier 3****Amy Beddis - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Family: divorce and financial remedy – Tier 3**

'Amy is an exceptionally sensible and pragmatic finance barrister, with a calm and measured approach that inspires confidence. She is particularly strong on complex pension issues and bring clarity to even the most technical aspects of a case.'

**Lucy Clayton - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence**

'Lucy is down-to-earth, pragmatic, approachable and knowledgeable. She is very calming with the clients, and good on her feet.'

**Andrew Duncan - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: children and domestic abuse**

'Andrew has an impressive ability to build an instant rapport with the lay client, instilling an immediate sense of trust and confidence in what can be an incredibly stressful and difficult time for the lay client. His preparation skills and attention to detail are two of many attributes for which he is well known for within the local circuit.'

**Esther Lieu - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Family: divorce and financial remedy**

'Esther is a calm and composed presence in even the most high-stakes financial proceedings. A real asset on complex financial remedy cases, she consistently delivers high-quality advice.'

**Esther Lieu is ranked for Family: children and domestic abuse in the Western Circuit - NEW**

**Ayesha Bell-Paris - Regional Bar > Midlands Circuit > Family: children and domestic abuse**

'Ayesha is an excellent advocate. She cares deeply for her clients and this is shown by her thoughtful explanation of the process to clients and her attention to detail about their specific case, which immediately puts clients at ease.'

**Amy Lush is ranked in the Legal 500 2026 for Family: children and domestic abuse in the Western Circuit**

**Paul Froud - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence**

Paul is such a wonderful advocate; he is knowledgeable, passionate and effective. He is also fantastic with clients, in particular young and vulnerable clients, who know that through Paul, they have a voice.'

**Frida Dahlqvist - Regional Bar > Midlands Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence**

**Adeo Fraser - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: children and domestic abuse**

'Adeo is very confident, knows the case in detail and has a very good style of advocacy. Strong advocate, methodical and great with clients.'

**Harriet Lavis - Regional Bar > South Eastern Circuit > Family: children and domestic abuse - NEW**

'Harriet is immaculately prepared with her cases and you know you are in safe hands when you brief her. She will consider a case from all angles, and she is especially good with vulnerable clients and cares deeply about her work and doing the best job for those she represents.'

**Charles Hogan - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: divorce and financial remedy**

'Charles is a polished and confident advocate. He is very well prepared, gives realistic advice and is excellent with clients. He is a star in the making.'

**Eleanor Marsh - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: children and domestic abuse**

'Eleanor's written work is of exceptionally high quality and she is meticulous with her preparation. Her advocacy is equally good and she is a safe pair of hands who clearly takes pride in her work and ensures she listens to her client's concerns too.'

**Eleanor Marsh - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: divorce and financial remedy**

'Eleanor is a fantastic advocate. She is great with sensitive or anxious clients, being extremely reassuring, and gives clear advice.'

**Laura Buchan - Regional Bar > South Eastern Circuit > Family: divorce and financial remedy**

'Laura exudes professionalism, expertise and genuine care. She is calm, clear, and reassuring in her approach, and she provides cogent advice to clients.'

**Laura Buchan - Regional Bar > South Eastern > Family: children and domestic violence - NEW**

'Laura is always extremely well prepared and has a thorough grasp of the issues that need to be dealt with. She pays great attention to detail, and is tenacious, fighting every point for her clients, and she is very personable and able to relate to clients from all walks of life.'

**Luke Nelson - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: divorce and financial remedy**

'Luke Nelson is tenacious and quick on his feet, with a good eye for detail in financial remedy cases.'

**Ria Herbert - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence - NEW**

'Ria quickly gets to the main issues in a case and is highly skilled in preparing the case based on its individual, relevant facts. Ria is a robust advocate and will fully explain to her clients the benefits of advancing their case in a particular way, whilst listening to their individual concerns.'

**Kellie Salter - Regional Bar > Western Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence**

'Kellie is very organised and well prepared for every hearing. A particular strength is her compassion and interpersonal skills, which helps clients feel supported throughout the court day and in particular Kellie is very good with vulnerable clients with issues such as victims of domestic abuse or mental health difficulties.'

**Sam Pentony - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence**

'Sam is a robust and reliable advocate with a keen eye for detail. His meticulous preparation allows him to drill down to the real issues at hand, with ease, and he is an incredibly hardworking individual who approaches every task with a level of commitment and precision that is truly commendable.'

**Sam Pentony - Regional Bar > South Eastern Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence**

'Sam is knowledgeable and robust as an advocate whilst being extremely personable and empathetic towards clients and their needs. His advice is measured and resolution-focused. He is a fantastic negotiator.'

**Rachel Bloxwich - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: divorce and financial remedy**

'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.'

**Rachel Bloxwich - Regional Bar > Midland Circuit > Family: children and domestic violence - NEW**

'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.'