

# 1GC | Family Law

## Craig Vickers

Year of Call: 2008



## Practice Overview

Craig specialises in financial remedies, including applications pursuant to Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989, applications under TOLATA and inheritance actions, with particular expertise in cases involving farms, trusts, business assets. Craig is well placed to act in matters where there is an overlap between family and civil work. In addition, he undertakes the full range of Children Act proceedings with particular emphasis on removal from the jurisdiction and international child abduction and relocation as well as Court of Protection work.

Craig has considerable experience of dealing with high-value and complex matters from County Court to Court of Appeal level.

He is recognised as a tenacious, well prepared advocate with a calm and assured manner who is renowned for his expertise and exceptional client care skills.

Craig is authorised to accept public access instructions in appropriate cases.

## Family Finance & Property

Craig accepts instructions in the full range of financial remedies including claims between former spouses, cohabitation disputes, Schedule 1 claims and Inheritance Act claims.

Craig is at ease dealing complex financial remedy claims as well as more straightforward proceedings. He has significant experience and success in dealing with cases involving farms, trusts and businesses as well as cases in which property is held outside the jurisdiction of England and Wales.

Craig has a wealth of experience in TOLATA claims where he has successfully represented claimants, defendants and third parties.

Craig has successfully pursued Schedule 1 claims against a number of high-profile and high-net worth individuals.

Craig works closely with professional and lay clients to devise litigation strategies which offer the best prospects of achieving favourable outcomes for his client. He welcomes instructions to advise at an early stage and provides comprehensive and practical advice either in writing or in conference (remote or in person).

## Children (Private Law)

Craig is instructed in complex private law disputes including those involving serious allegations of sexual abuse, domestic violence and potential parental alienation. He is recognised by professional and lay clients as having a calm and reassuring approach which is balanced with an unrivalled ability to manage client's expectations. Craig's attention to detail, thorough preparation and determined advocacy style leaves clients satisfied that they have received the best representation on the issues which are important to them.

## **International Family Law**

Craig has a wealth of experience of acting in cases with an international element both in the context of his financial remedies practice and in Children Act proceedings. Craig has successfully represented clients seeking to remove children from the jurisdiction and to prevent their removal or secure their return in both the County Court and High Court.

## **Domestic Violence & Injunctions**

Craig undertakes the full range of family law injunctions including applications for non-molestation and occupation orders under the Family Law Act 1996, applications pursuant to the Protection from Harassment Act 1997 and Human Rights Act injunctions.

## **Court of Protection**

Craig has considerable experience of appearing in the Court of Protection, particularly in cases relating to decisions about property and financial affairs. Craig has successfully represented clients in contested deputyship applications and is sensitive to the familial dynamics and emotions that such applications often involve.

## **ENE / Private FDR**

Craig is regularly instructed as both an advocate and evaluator in private FDRs.

## **Education**

BVC - College of Law, London

LLB (Hons) - University of Kent

## **Appointments**

Recorder on the South Eastern Circuit to sit in Family matters including the Financial Remedies Court (2020)

Deputy District Judge (Family Law), South Eastern circuit (2021)

## Memberships & Associations

The Honourable Society of the Inner Temple

Family Law Bar Association (FLBA)

Personal

Craig is a keen sportsman (participant and spectator) with particular interests in cricket, golf, rugby and football. He enjoys theatre, live music and fine dining.