

1GC | Family Law

Duncan Watson

Year of Call: 1997



Practice Overview

Duncan is a specialist in family finances, including financial remedies on divorce, financial applications relating to children pursuant to Schedule 1 Children Act 1989 and civil actions between former co-habitants.

Duncan is instructed in the full range of family finance disputes from multi-million pound divorces to cases where the assets are more modest. He is particularly experienced in dealing with complex cases involving companies, partnerships, family trusts, insolvency, third party property rights, pensions and cases where there are issues relating to disclosure.

Duncan also undertakes private law Children Act work.

Children (private law)

Family finance & property

What the directories say

2018/19: 'A specialist in family finances.' **Legal 500**

"An excellent, reliable barrister who is particularly good on financial matters. He thinks outside the box and strives to achieve the best outcome possible for clients." "Meticulous in his approach." **Chambers UK**

2017: Focuses on family finance matters, and is an expert in financial remedies concerning divorce, cohabitation disputes and Schedule 1 applications. He is noted for his ability to handle complex cases relating to partnerships, companies, trusts and assets.

"He is extremely good on money cases, very particular and good at addressing the detail." "He is good with demanding clients, very patient and unshakable in his views, and also very methodical." **Chambers UK**

2016: *"When instructing him, you know you will receive the best advice and support possible."* Legal 500

2016: *"He is a reliable counsel, an all-rounder for finances in divorce, TOLATA matters and children's issues."* Chambers UK

2015: *"He does everything very thoroughly and is particularly good on complex cases with hidden assets." "The judges know him well and they respect him because they know he is a good advocate who pursues sensible arguments."* Chambers UK

2014: *"Highly praised for his family practice. He focuses on financial remedy and is admired for his approachable manner, his care for the client's interests and his attention to detail."* Chambers UK

2013: *"Duncan Watson is 'very strong' for finance matters, and is 'an impressive negotiator'."* Legal 500

Education

BA (Hons)
Dip Law

Appointments

Appointed a Deputy District Judge in July 2010.

Memberships & Associations

Family Law Bar Association

Personal

Skiing, mountains and gardening.