

1GC | Family Law

Katherine Dunseath

Year of Call: 2008



Practice Overview

Katherine specialises in finances arising out of divorce and private children matters. She has appeared in all levels of court in the UK.

She has a wide financial practice involving a range of issues including non matrimonial assets, applications to set aside / bar order events. She has a particular expertise in applications to vary and/or discharge periodical payments.

She was junior counsel in the Supreme Court case of ***Mills [2018] UKSC 38***.

Her private children practice encompasses all areas with a particular expertise in cases involving leave to remove either internally or internationally and child abduction.

She was shortlisted for Family Law Junior Barrister of the year at the Family Law Awards 2017.

What the directories say

"Very knowledgeable." Diligent and personable." "She prepares thoroughly for cases and goes the extra mile." Chambers UK 2019

'Her strength is her no-nonsense approach and impressive cross-examination skills. She is a fighter and is always totally committed to her client.' Legal 500 2019

'She has a forceful cross-examination style.'
Legal 500 2017/Family and children law, Leading juniors

'An expert in cases with an international element, who fiercely protects her clients interests with professionalism and congeniality.'
Legal 500 2016/Family and children law, Leading juniors

Published Articles

July/August 2017: with C. Lloyd-Smith: Parental Abduction within the UK (Issue 189 Resolution)

March 2017: with F. Feehan QC: Varying maintenance: Mills, March [2017] Fam Law

November 2016: with R. Harrison QC and S. Craddock: 'Should I stay or should I go? Where the clandestine removal of a child from the jurisdiction is not unlawful: LM v DR' November [2016] Fam Law

August 2016: with J. Chegidden: 'A clear conclusion: religious circumcision for boys' August [2016]

July 2016: 'Babies relinquished by foreign nationals: leading guidance': July [2016] Fam Law

Notable Cases

Mills v Mills [2018] UKSC 38

Mills v Mills [2017] EWCA Civ 129

In the matter of X, Y and Z (children) (Retrospective Leave to Remove from the Jurisdiction) [2016] EWHC 2439 (Fam)

LM and DR (Return to Non-Convention Country) [2016] EWHC 1943 (Fam)

Re L and B (Children) (Specific Issues: Temporary Leave to remove from the jurisdiction; circumcision) [2016] EWHC 849 (Fam)

In the matter of JL and AO (Babies relinquished for adoption) [2016] EWHC 440 (Fam)

Guerroudj v Rymarczyk [2015] EWCA Civ 743, [2015] All ER (D) 152 (Jul)

Interviews

With Frank Feehan QC Maintenance payments as a gateway to independence (*Mills v Mills*) (28.02.2017) interview with LexisNexis

With K. Taft: English court exercises jurisdiction in retrospective leave to remove case (*Re: X, Y and Z*) (25.10.2016) interview with LexisNexis

With R. Harrison QC: Summary return and competing jurisdictions (11.08.16) interview with LexisNexis

Court considers transfer of tenancy on separation (23.07.15) interview with LexisNexis Evidence and interim care orders (21.02.14) interview with LexisNexis

Education

BVC (2007) BPP London

LLM (2006) University College London

Law GDL (2005) Brunel University

BSc Geography (Hons) First Class (2004) Brunel University

Appointments

Judicial Assistant, Court of Appeal (March – July 2008)

Blue Book Stagiaire, European Commission (October 2007- February 2008)

Awards

Stage Scholar, Gray's Inn

Prince of Wales Scholar, Gray's Inn

Shortlisted for Junior Barrister of the Year at the 2017 Family Law Awards

Memberships & Associations

Family Law Bar Association

Association of Lawyers for Children

Child Abduction Lawyers Association (CALA)

Free Representation Unit