



Katherine Illsley – Barrister

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TIMOTHY RAGGATT QC

FAMILY

PROFILE

Katherine joined 4KBW, Chambers of Timothy Raggatt QC in 2011 after completion of pupillage at a specialist family law set. Her practice covers the following areas:

- Family Law
- Property Law

Katherine can accept instructions in appropriate cases from members of the public under the Bar Direct Public Access Scheme.

She has appeared in the High Court, the Court of Appeal and assisted on cases in the Supreme Court during pupillage.

FAMILY PRACTICE:

Matrimonial Finance

Katherine has a particular interest in cases involving matrimonial finance. She has advised and acted in cases involving hidden assets, bankruptcy and also where there are parallel Proceeds of Crime Act proceedings, multiple parties and claims about trusts.

She is happy to draft prenuptial and postnuptial agreements as well as handle cases in which a nuptial agreement is in issue.

Public Law

Katherine's work covers all areas of family law. Katherine has extensive experience in public law children cases, acting for local authorities, Guardians, parents and interveners. Recent cases have included neglect, physical abuse and sexual abuse of children as well as consideration of whether a child should give evidence within proceedings and covert recordings. She continues regularly to act in public law cases and also has worked on cases involving adoption applications.

Private Law and Surrogacy

Katherine has acted in a number of private law children cases. These have included cases involving an implacably hostile parent, false allegations, issues around domestic violence and substance misuse as well as cases that have developed into care proceedings. Recent cases have included issues concerning judicial questioning, historic sexual abuse allegations and religious upbringing.

She accepts instructions in cases involving surrogacy as well as international children work.

Property – Trusts of Land and Cohabitation Disputes

Katherine accepts instructions in Schedule 1 applications and TOLATA claims. Recent cases have included a TOLATA claim involving an extensive investment portfolio of properties and a claim involving an argument around proprietary estoppel. She acts in cases of cohabitee relationship breakdown as well as family investment vehicle cases where disputes over beneficial shares arise.

Education/Qualifications

- University of Oxford, BA (Hons) (English Language and Literature)
- Oxford Brookes University (Graduate Diploma in Law)
- College of Law, Bloomsbury (Bar Vocational Course)
- Quatercentenary Scholarship (Middle Temple) 2008

Interests

When not working, Katherine enjoys travelling, watching snooker, listening to opera and making ceramics. FRSA.

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