



## Philip Anderson – Barrister

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Phil's practice encompasses a wide range of family law including: private law children, financial remedies, Schedule 1 claims, TOLATA, public law, child abduction and injunctive proceedings.

### **Finance**

Phil practises in all areas of financial remedies proceedings, including applications pursuant to TOLATA 1996 and Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989. He represents clients at all stages of proceedings and has experience of effectively dealing with litigants in person, successfully securing costs against them where they have acted unreasonably.

### **Public Law**

Phil has experience in public law children cases acting for parents at all stages of proceedings. He has experience of representing vulnerable clients and those that have difficulty giving instructions. Phil also has experience being led as junior counsel in complex multi-week fact finding hearings. Recent cases have included allegations of physical abuse towards the children, controlling and coercive behaviour, parental alienation and domestic violence.

### **Private Law**

Phil regularly acts in applications for Child Arrangement Orders, Prohibited Steps Orders and Specific Issue Orders. He has experience in complex cases involving allegations of domestic abuse, child abuse and cases in which a Guardian has been appointed. Recently Phil was successful in a multi-day fact finding hearing into child abuse and a further case where he was successful in obtaining findings of stalking and control and coercion against the other party.

### **Child Abduction**

Phil has represented clients at final hearings in proceedings issued under the Inherent Jurisdiction of the High Court. He has successfully defended clients against allegations of abuse in international child abduction cases and secured findings against the abducting parent that they had been lying about their motivation for removal.

### **Education**

*King's College London*  
*Università di Bologna*  
*City Law School*

### **Awards and Scholarships**

*Queen Mother Scholarship – Middle Temple*

### **Professional memberships**

*Family Law Bar Association*  
*The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple*



## Testimonials

*“Phil is a very approachable barrister who has a calm and confident manner with clients. He is very knowledgeable in both children and financial matters and has secured many successful outcomes for very grateful clients”.*

Julia Amson, Solicitor – Family Law Group

*“I have worked with Phil on a number of matters and have been extremely pleased with the excellent service he has provided our vulnerable clients. Phil is compassionate but robust, clients have found him friendly and felt that he represented them well. Phil has worked on a number of complex matters for me especially one that involved a high risk client wherein we had both senior and junior counsel.”*

Genet Amare, Director – Duncan Lewis

*“Phil Anderson is an outstanding advocate whose attention to detail is excellent. Phil is a fierce opponent who fights hard for those he represents. He is also compassionate, kind and patient with an ability to put clients at ease at a time when they are often at their most vulnerable”.*

Anna Gowen, Partner – Hanne & Co

*“Here at Alun Jones Family Law, we regularly instruct Counsel, Mr Phil Anderson. Mr Anderson exercises careful due diligence, and he presents in a calm and clear manner with the client. In a case of mine recently, Mr Anderson was able to control the conference prior to court, but also push our opposition’s counsel into considering other suggestions for child contact. As a result of Phil focusing our client (who was understandably emotional at the time), Mr Anderson secured an increasing schedule of contact. The client is sincerely grateful to Mr Anderson, and has reported back to us that both he and his son are enjoying a much greater quality of contact.*

*On another of our cases, whereby Ms Newberry instructed Mr Anderson, Mr Anderson assisted in a fact-find hearing, successfully securing findings of significant coercive control and stalking, against our opponent. The client was so impressed by Mr Anderson’s advocacy and approach, the client has requested to reserve Mr Anderson moving forward.”*

Alun Jones Family Law

*“I have instructed Phil many times in relation to financial and private law children proceedings. I have always found Phil to be approachable, to provide invaluable advice and guidance and he is thorough with his preparation. Phil goes beyond the call of duty, which included answering many email queries from a client over the weekend ahead of a 3-day arbitration hearing.”*

Quang Huynh, Associate Solicitor – Aletta Shaw Solicitors

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