



Kate Jones – Barrister

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### **Summary**

Kate's practice encompasses all areas of private family law with a balance of financial remedy proceedings and private children disputes.

Kate acts in financial remedy proceedings including matrimonial finance, Schedule 1 applications, cohabitation claims and cases involving nuptial agreements. Kate regularly deals with complex cases and those involving enforcement of orders.

Kate's children law practice includes applications for both internal and external relocation, child arrangements disputes involving allegations of violence, parental alienation and intractable contact disputes.

During her pupillage and first years of practice Kate undertook work in a range of areas including property, immigration, personal injury and general civil such that she has a broad and holistic knowledge of complimentary areas of practice to her core area of family law.

### **Testimonials**

*Kate is an eloquent, feisty and well-prepared advocate. Kate has a clear, yet gentle approach with the Client and the Client often feels reassured with Kate's detailed preparation. I have found Kate to be both inclusive of me, as the instructing solicitor, and also supportive where perhaps a case requires an 'extra push'. Kate presents well to District Judges, and I often find her attention to detail is well received in the Family Court. I would not hesitate to recommend Kate's services to both clients and other members of the legal profession - Rhian Jones, Alun Jones Family Law*

*Kate is a safe pair of hands who is knowledgeable, confident and personable and has put our clients at ease during their proceedings. She is able to familiarise herself quickly with the papers and provide clear and digestible advice and representation - Claire Howard, Family law Group*

*Kate is a highly skilled, robust and persuasive advocate. She works well with clients, quickly building a strong rapport, taking the time to understand what they want and instilling them with confidence from early on. Her preparation is always thorough and detailed and she cuts through the issues and gives calm, simple and effective advice. Kate is extremely approachable and will go above and beyond to provide both clients and instructing solicitors with an excellent service - Victoria Teymourian-Yates, Laurus*



*Whether children or finance related matters, Kate Jones is more than equal to the task. We have found her adept at negotiations, good on her feet, and well able to deal with any curve ball within the case. She is also supremely unruffled by senior opponents - Woodford Stauffer*

### **Family Law - Financial Remedies**

Kate practises in all aspects of family finance proceedings, including applications pursuant to TOLATA 1996. She represents spouses, co-habitants and intervenors at all stages of proceedings, including in trials of preliminary issue hearings and final hearings.

Kate has experience of a wide range of financial remedies applications, including cases which involve:

- High net worth clients
- Complexity or have an international element
- Pre or post-acquired assets
- A dispute over the applicability of pre or post nuptial agreements
- Family businesses
- Schedule 1 Children Act claims
- Freezing Injunctions
- Enforcement of orders

### **Family Law - Children Act and Injunctive Proceedings**

Kate regularly acts in all areas of private children law including internal and external relocation and child arrangement disputes. She has experience in complex cases such as those involving allegations of serious domestic abuse including sexual assault, cases in which a Guardian has been appointed as well as in applications for enforcement.

She is alive to the many multifaceted issues that can arise in private law cases, including specifically those with an immigration law element.

Kate further acts in injunctive proceedings with experience of urgent, without notice applications. She has acted in cases involving serious allegations of domestic violence and abuse and has conducted multi-day fact finding hearings within Family Law Act proceedings. Kate has experience in representing vulnerable clients.

### **Education**

Bar Professional Training Course, City University London  
MA, World History, Birkbeck College London  
LLB, Law, King's College London

Before commencing pupillage, Kate worked as a paralegal in the family department of a prominent legal aid firm. She also spent a number of months working in the legal department of a global



commercial property company as well as interning for Sisters for Change, a grassroots legal organisation combating violence against women globally.

Prior to studying on the BPTC Kate worked for a think tank in Westminster for three years before moving to work as a Research Fellow for Reprive in New Orleans, USA. Kate has undertaken voluntary research posts at the Women's Legal Centre in Cape Town, South Africa; Kayan, an Arab feminist NGO in Haifa, Israel; at the UK Environmental Law Association and at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law in London.

Kate has also volunteered for the National Centre for Domestic Violence, the City University Pro Bono Clinic and as a Custody Visitor for the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.

### **Awards and Scholarships**

International Professional and Legal Development Grant 2019, Bar Council  
Pegasus Scholar 2018, Inner Temple  
Anne Goddard Scholarship, Gray's Inn  
Prince of Wales Scholarship, Gray's Inn  
Human Rights Scholarship, Gray's Inn  
Human Rights Lawyers Association Bursary, City University

### **Professional memberships**

Family Law Bar Association

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