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## Georgina Cole

Year of Call: 2007

## Practice Overview

Georgina completed her pupillage in Chambers and was trained by Sarah Morgan QC, Andrew Bagchi QC and Richard Scarratt (now His Honour Judge Scarratt). Initially her practice covered all areas of family law with a particular emphasis on matrimonial finance, private law children and public law proceedings.

Since October 2011, Georgina has accepted public access instructions.

Within public law proceedings, Georgina has experience of complex fact-finding and welfare hearings involving non-accidental injury, sexual abuse, severe neglect and substance abuse. She was instructed by Local Authorities, parents, children through their Guardians and interveners, including grandparents. She frequently acted for vulnerable clients, including those suffering from learning or mental health difficulties. While Georgina continues to draw on her public law experience, her practice now focuses on private law children, including international children law, and financial remedy work.

Within private law children proceedings, Georgina advises and acts in child arrangement order disputes. She is frequently instructed to represent parents involved in complex private law proceedings, dealing with issues such as domestic violence, substance misuse, sexual abuse, emotional/psychological harm and risk of abduction. She acts for parents in cases involving the temporary and permanent removal of children from the jurisdiction, including the reported decision *JS (A Child)* [2014] EWHC B20 (Fam).

Georgina often represents parties in both their private law children and financial remedy proceedings, providing them with continuity of counsel. Georgina advises and acts in all areas of matrimonial finance, including cases involving assets held outside of the jurisdiction, business valuations, pension disputes, dissipation of assets and trust assets. Georgina has experience in cases involving third party interests and has acted on behalf of interveners.

Georgina was a contributor to Chambers' guide to Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989 for Family Law, published by Jordan's Family Law, 2010 and acts for clients within those proceedings. She also advises clients in potential and ongoing Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 cases.

Georgina is known for her sympathetic, yet robust, approach.

## Children (Private Law)

## Court of Protection

### Family Finance & Property

### Domestic Violence & Injunctions

### International Family Law

### Notable Cases

*JS (A Child)* [2014] EWHC B20 (Fam)

## Education

B.A. Hons English Christ Church, Oxford
C.P.E. City University
B.V.C. Inns of Court School of Law
LL.M (Distinction)

## Appointments

Lord Brougham scholarship
Lord Denning scholarship

## Awards

Lincoln's Inn Hardwicke entrance award
Eastham pupillage award
Sally Ball Award 2006 (3 Paper Buildings, for aspiring barristers from Oxford University)

## Memberships & Associations

Member Family Law Bar Association (FLBA)

Georgina was an elected member of the Bar Council, serving on Young Barristers' Committee and Member Services Committee, as well as being co-opted to the Committee of the FLBA from 2008-2011. She was a co-opted member of the Young Barristers' Committee from 2012-2013.

Publications

Runner up, in the inaugural year, Bracewell Memorial Essay Competition 2007.
Contributor to Chambers' guide to Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989 for Family Law, published by Jordan's Family Law, 2010.
Contributor to Young Bar magazine.

Seminars and Lectures

Georgina delivers lectures at conferences and also gives talks on a range of topics at individual

solicitors' firms. Please contact her if you are interested in arranging a talk.

Personal

Georgina is married. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, cooking, reading, modern art, going to the opera and theatre (penchant for musicals!).