



# Michael Hayes

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**Year of call: 2016 (Sol 1996)**

## **Areas of Practice**

Mediation & ADR, Family, Direct Public Access Barristers

Michael has been a specialist family lawyer for almost 25 years. Michael was called to the Bar in 2016 having practised as a Solicitor for over 20 years. Michael's transfer to the Bar was a natural progression as an advocate and reflected his in-depth experience dealing with all aspects of family law. Michael trained as a collaborative lawyer in 2008, and was one of the first lawyers to qualify as a family arbitrator in 2012.

He has a vast experience in dealing with a huge cross section of family law matters with a particular emphasis on matrimonial finance claims, including high value financial claims and disputes involving business assets and companies, pensions, trusts and overseas assets.

Michael is also regularly instructed in matters concerning children, including 'private law'

He also undertakes and 'public law matters.

He regularly deals with jurisdictional issues, and cases involving an international element.

Michael's considerable experience means that he has the skills to represent clients in court, advise them on the law, to help them to manage the running of their case and to support and assist them in reaching agreements. He has a reputation for being tough in court whilst still appreciating that his clients need support and understanding at a difficult time in their lives.

Michael is a member of the Family Law Bar Association (which is the specialist Bar Association for family barristers). As a solicitor he was accredited by the SRA under the Family Law Accreditation Scheme, and also by 'Resolution' in the areas of Advanced Financial Provision and Co-habitation.

He acts for clients throughout the UK.

Michael is able to accept instructions directly from members of the public under the 'Direct Access' scheme.

Away from work, Michael enjoys travel, photography and the theatre.

## **EXPERTISE**

### Financial matters.

- Financial cases following the breakdown of a relationship, including high net value cases and cases with an international element and cases concerning business assets and companies, pensions, trusts and overseas assets;

- Cases involving allegations of non-disclosure of assets, misconduct by company directors, misappropriation of funds, and enforcement of orders.
- Variation of maintenance applications;
- Financial provision for children (Schedule 1 claims).

#### Matters relating to Children

- All children Act work, including cases with an international dimension such as removal from the jurisdiction;
- Private law (contact and residence) cases;
- Cases of alleged parental alienation, allegations domestic violence and fact-finding hearings, drug and alcohol misuse.
- Financial provision for children (Schedule 1 claims);
- Public Law Children Act work (instructed by Local Authorities, parents and Guardians);
- Surrogacy & Adoption

#### Injunctions

- Injunctions to prevent dealings/disposals of assets in financial cases;
- Injunctions to prevent domestic abuse.

#### Other family law

- Co-habitation disputes, and property disputes between unmarried couples ('TOLATA' cases);
- Michael is instructed to act on behalf of intervenors asserting a beneficial interest in property and on behalf of trustees of assets;
- Drafting and advising on nuptial agreements;
- Jurisdiction disputes;
- Part III MFPA'84 claims after a foreign divorce;

#### Non-Court dispute resolution

- including Family Law Arbitration, Mediation and Collaborative Law.

