

## Harry Gates

'An eloquent advocate who is quietly successful again and again.'

Legal 500 – 2019

### Experience

Year of Call: 2001

### Practice Areas

- Financial Remedies
- International Children Law
- Private Children Law

### Dispute Resolution

- Collaborative Law

### Direct Access

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### Education

BA (Hons) LLB (Hons)  
Newcastle University  
City University  
Qualified Collaborative Lawyer  
Trained Mediator

### Languages

French, Spanish

### Appointments

FLBA representative (appointed) on the Bar Council 2019 and 2020  
Director and co-founder of The Divorce Surgery

### Profile

Harry's practice focuses on private family law, where his expertise in all aspects of relationship breakdown between married and unmarried couples has won him many fans. He specialises in financially complex cases and also represents parents in disputes about domestic and international living arrangements for their children.

Noted by the market for his comprehensive understanding of technically complex matters and meticulous case preparation, Harry advises and represents clients about the financial consequences of divorce. He is often instructed in cases with multi-jurisdictional issues, involving trusts and corporate assets, and also advises in relation to less commonplace financial matters such as child maintenance



appeals, enforcement actions, foreign court orders, and costs cases.

Harry also has considerable expertise in advising unmarried clients about the financial impact of separation and in connection with financial support for their children ('Schedule 1 claims').

Away from financial matters, Harry also represents parents and children in disputes concerning children's living and contact arrangements both domestically and internationally, including applications to remove children permanently from this jurisdiction.

Harry is noted by the major legal directories for his calmness under fire, meticulous preparation and ability to build rapport with clients, opponents and judges alike.

Together with Samantha Woodham, a fellow member of chambers, Harry is co-founder of The Divorce Surgery, a unique service which allows couples to obtain joint, impartial expert legal advice at any stage of their separation, with a view to minimising conflict and costs: [www.thedivorcesurgery.co.uk](http://www.thedivorcesurgery.co.uk). The Divorce Surgery has won a number of industry awards, is shortlisted by LexisNexis for Family Law Innovation of the Year 2019 and has been recognised as one of the 50 most innovative law firms in Europe at the FT Innovative Lawyers Europe Awards for 2019, at which Harry was also individually commended for his contribution in the Rule of Law and Access to Justice categories.

## **Memberships**

Family Law Bar Association  
South Eastern Circuit  
Lincoln's Inn

## **Directories**

A junior with an established practice in financial remedy cases, including those with an international element. He is particularly noted for his experience dealing with complex asset structures and hidden assets, including offshore trusts and companies.

Strengths: "Always good-natured and well prepared. He never flaps, he's great with clients and he's good on his feet."

### **Chambers & Partners 2020**

'Has a real grasp of all the nuances in each case and is clearly very well prepared for each hearing.'

### **Legal 500, 2020**

'A practising barrister at specialist family law chambers 4 Paper Buildings since 2001, Harry Gates brings a wealth of experience to the table. Harry's advice is most often sought in relation to the financial consequences of relationship breakdown. He has particular expertise in cases involving complicated asset structures, such as trusts and companies, or where assets are located overseas. Harry is recommended as a leading barrister in the major legal directories, who note his approachable style and meticulous preparation.'

### **Tatler High Net Worth 2020**

A finance junior with an established practice in financial remedy cases, including those with an international element. Particularly noted for his experience dealing with complex asset structures and hidden assets, including offshore trusts and companies.

Strengths: "He is a gentleman and has a lovely approach with clients. He has a confident manner that belies his comparative youth, and is convincing in his explanations to solicitors, clients and the court."

### **Chambers & Partners 2019**

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