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The Legal 500 2014

Recommended as a Leading Family Silk
Year of Call: 1975

Experience

Recommended for his broad-ranging family law practice and draws much praise for his work in both high-value ancillary relief matters and complex child cases.

Education

Expertise: "An excellent QC to work with. He's very meticulous, provides lots of feedback and works well as part of a team."

MA LL.M (Cantab) MCI Arb

Chambers & Partners 2014
Fellow of the International Academy of International Lawyers

Fully Qualified Family Law Arbitrator

The meticulous Michael Sternberg QC has a broad family law practice and is highly rated for his work in both the children law and matrimonial finance spheres. He is regularly instructed in high-value ancillary relief cases and complex child abduction matters, and is an accredited mediator and collaborative lawyer.

Qualified Mediator

Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts
Recommended as a Leading Family Silk in [Chambers & Partners 2013](#) -

Appointments

Michael Sternberg QC is 'your chosen gladiator'.

Recommended as a Leading Family Silk in [The Legal 500 2012](#)

Member of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn 2013

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Profile

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Michael Sternberg's practice covers the two main areas of family work - financial remedy and child cases. He has a substantial practice in high-value financial cases and is instructed by a number of the top London firms. He regards negotiation as of great importance in getting the best result in the leading family silk [The Legal 500 2011](#).

So many of his cases settle avoiding the costs and publicity of what would otherwise be high profile contests. The financial work involves not only the latest developments in family law, but also a high degree of expertise in company law and valuation, farming divorce cases, prenuptial agreements, tax law and cases where there is a conflict of jurisdiction. Commentators note that "he thinks out detailed strategies and is always popular with clients."

Recommended as a Leading Silk in [Chambers and Partners 2011](#)

Unusually Michael also has extensive experience in difficult child cases. He was instructed consistently in the past not only by the Official Solicitor, and Cafass Legal, but also by local authorities in highly demanding cases in the High Court, Court of Appeal and House of Lords, which have raised difficult questions of fact and law.

Recommended as a Leading Silk in [Chambers and Partners 2010](#)

Michael is an expert in contests between England and Wales and other jurisdictions as to which should decide the divorce - both in respect of Brussels II (revised) and generally - also in relation to functions to prevent a party from proceeding with divorce in a foreign jurisdiction. Recommended as a Leading Family Silk in [The Legal 500 2010](#)
He has lectured on the topic.

New silk Michael Sternberg QC is a "meticulous and detailed" barrister who carries out both ancillary relief and children-related matters. He has a particular interest in cases with an international dimension. Michael has acted as an advocate to the court in a series of reported decisions. He succeeded against the UK Government in relation to a breach of Articles 8 and 12 of the ECHR, on behalf of a post-operative transsexual, heard by the Grand Chamber in Strasbourg (I v UK [2002] 2 FLR 518). Michael was previously listed as a leading junior in the relatively small list of practitioners in London within The Legal

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Michael is a Chartered Solicitor, a Qualified Mediator, and a Family Law Specialist. He is a member of the Family Law Bar Association and the Law Society. He is also a member of the Law Society's Family Law Panel. He is a frequent speaker at conferences and seminars on family law topics. He is also a frequent contributor to legal journals and newspapers. He is a frequent speaker at conferences and seminars on family law topics. He is also a frequent contributor to legal journals and newspapers.

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Recommended as a leading junior in Family/Children in **Chambers & Partners 2008**. Michael was in 2009 nominated by the Chairman of the Bar to chair a joint tribunal set up by the Bar Council and the Law Society / OSS to resolve major disputes between rivaling jurisdictions. He is "particularly supportive of clients and is extremely conscientious" managing to maintain a "delightful manner in the most difficult cases." Recommended as a leading junior in Family/Children in **Chambers & Partners 2007**. Michael has been invited to appear as a principal speaker on issues of spousal support after divorce, at the Butterworths Lexis Nexis Matrimonial Finance and Divorce National Conference on 28th April 2010.

Michael is also recommended as a Family Leading Junior in **The Legal 500 2006**. On 4th February 2011 Michael chaired a day conference on advanced financial remedy topics at the RAF Club attended by over 100 solicitors at which 5 QC's spoke. He chaired a similar financial remedy day conference for the White Paper Company in January 2013 and in April 2014.

Michael is a Qualified Mediator and Collaborative lawyer. In September 2011 he attended the first course run by The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators to become one of the first Family Law Arbitrators.

Michael chaired a Lexis Nexis webinar on all aspects of ADR.

Michael is the Chair of the Trustees of the Three Faith Forum - the country's leading active interfaith charitable agency, which since 1997 has been generating understanding, goodwill and friendship between Muslims, Christians and Jews, as well as people of other faiths and in the wider society.

Professional Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association
- International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers
- Three Faiths Forum Legal Group (founder member)

Gray's Inn
Re M (A Child) Sub Nom Re M (Adoption: International Adoption Trade) (2003)
[2003] EWFC 219 (Fam)

Affiliate Member of Resolution
Field v Field
[2009] 1 FLR 578

Highly recommended by peers for his work on both high-level matrimonial finance disputes and contentious children law matters.

Re B (Adoption by one Natural Parent to Exclusion of other)
[2001] 1 FLR 589

Re AGN (Adoption: Foreign Adoption)
[2000] 2 FLR 431

Re AMR (Adoption: Procedure)
[1999] 2 FLR 807

Re M (Sexual Abuse Allegations: Interviewing Techniques)
[1999] 2 FLR 92

Re S (Removal from Jurisdiction)
[1999] 1 FLR 850

S v S (Judgment in Chambers: Disclosure)
[1997] 1 WLR 1621

Re M (Petition to European Commission of Human Rights)
[1997] 1 FLR 755

Note H v H (Residence Order: Leave to Remove from Jurisdiction)
[1995] 1 FLR 529

R v Plymouth Justices Ex Parte W
[1993] 2 FLR 777

Re F (A Minor) (Blood Tests: Parental Rights)
[1993] 3 WLR 369

Re F (A Minor: Paternity Test)
[1993] 1 FLR 598

H v H (Financial Provision: Capital Allowance)

