

Charles Hale QC

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Chambers & Partners 2020

Experience

Year of Call: 1992

Year of Silk: 2014

Practice Areas

- Financial Remedies
- International Children Law
- Private Children Law

Dispute Resolution

- Arbitration
- Early Neutral Evaluation

Direct Access

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Qualifications

Arbitrator (CI Arb)

Education

LLB (Hons)

Blackstone Scholar

Middle Temple

Appointments

Elected member of the Bar Council of England and Wales 2002 - 2012

Profile

Charles was appointed to the rank of Queens Counsel in 2014. He is a family advocate with particular expertise in all aspects of matrimonial finance and Schedule 1 (financial remedies) and private law children work. He is regularly instructed in international family disputes, leave to remove and child



abduction cases involving international law, Brussels I and II and international treaties. He has provided advice and Affidavits of Laws in French and Australian divorce cases and international pre-nuptial agreements. In domestic cases, Charles has a reputation for dealing with the most complex matters involving financial disputes as well as intractable and alienated parent cases, vulnerable adult/child cases and also cases arising out of same sex/alternative family disputes.

Awarded the Family Law Junior of the Year in 2012 by Jordans, Ranked in Band 1 for both children and finance by Chambers and Partners and being one of only 5 family Barristers listed in their Top 100 Barristers list, Charles was one of the few recognised leading juniors in both matrimonial finance and children work, a practice he continues now as Leading Counsel.

Charles has recently written 4 of the main chapters in the re-published, 18th ed. Rayden and Jackson on Divorce and Family Matters 2016.

Memberships

Member of the International Association of Family Lawyers (IAFL)
Family Law Bar Association
Association of Lawyers for Children
South Eastern Circuit
Middle Temple

Directories

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Recent work: Acted in Re C, a Supreme Court appeal on behalf of a legal charity on the issue of repudiatory retention in a 1980 Hague Convention case.

Chambers & Partners 2020 for Children & Matrimonial Finance

Ranked

'Forms strong relationships with clients and immediately puts them at ease.' 'Is recommended for his command of the courtroom, his honeyed advocacy skills and user-friendliness.'

Legal 500, 2020 Top Tier

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Strengths: "Razor sharp and unflappable, he's consistently good, and can always be relied upon to rise to the occasion. He is able to deliver advice, even in very difficult circumstances, in a calm, measured and client-focused way."

Recent work: Acted in an appeal to the Supreme Court regarding the concept of 'anticipatory breach' in

Hague Convention proceedings.

**Chambers & Partners 2019
for Children & Matrimonial Finance**

Ranked

'A master of persuasion and charm, the archetypal iron fist in a velvet glove.' 'The don. An unparalleled ability to turn the ear of the court in his client's direction.'

Legal 500, 2019

Renowned family silk who specialises in complex matters in both the private children and matrimonial finance spheres. He routinely handles significant cases on behalf of an impressive client base of high-profile individuals including those with alternative family arrangements. He earns praise for his ability to connect with the full spectrum of clients.

Strengths: "An excellent advocate who is able to put across his client's case in a persuasive and effective manner. He inspires judicial respect, his cross-examination skills are excellent and he always seems unflappable. He is calm with clients, who feel confident with his representation. He has great attention to detail and is always well prepared."

Recent work: Represented a father in the Court of Appeal whose child had been relocated to another area of England. Hale argued that internal relocations should be treated in the same way as international abductions.

**Chambers & Partners 2018
for Children & Matrimonial Finance**

Ranked

'He describes the most complicated circumstances in ways that are accessible to clients and judges alike.' 'He simplifies complicated information extremely well.'

Legal 500, 2017

Renowned family silk who specialises in complex matters in both the private children and matrimonial finance spheres. He routinely handles significant cases on behalf of an impressive client base of high-profile individuals.

Strengths: "A very commanding presence in the courtroom. He's wonderfully pragmatic, very persuasive and very thorough. He has one of the best client manners going."

**Chambers & Partners 2017
Ranked for Children & Matrimonial Finance**

He comes alive when he gets on his feet and leaves clients feeling supported and comfortable."
"A master tactician with a fine grasp of detail and an excellent manner with clients."

Legal 500, 2016

Ranked for Children & Matrimonial Finance

A barrister with "gravitas," who brings an authoritative approach to both private children and money cases. People are also quick to emphasise his ability to empathise and engage with clients.

Strengths: "Handles children and money with equal aplomb and efficiency. A powerful advocate, he brims with authority and common sense. Clients adore him for his calmness and unflappability. He is a shrewd negotiator and can be steely when needed. Judges trust his judgement and instinct."

**Chambers & Partners 2016
Ranked for Children & Matrimonial Finance**

'His demeanour inspires confidence in even the most difficult or nervous clients; he is an excellent

advocate.' 'Very intelligent, hardworking, and responsive; clients love him and he gets results.'

The Legal 500, 2015

Deals with both very high-value matrimonial finance proceedings and complex children law matters. He is regularly sought out for cases pertaining to cross-border children disputes and for his advice to alternative families.

Expertise: "Charles is the ultimate negotiator. If there is a good deal to get, he will get it." "When he speaks people are drawn to what he says; he's a very persuasive and powerful advocate. His bedside manner is great, and he captures the trust of a client instantly."

Chambers & Partners 2015 - New Silk

Charles Hale QC - 'A very accomplished advocate and a calm port in stormy seas.' 'Meticulous in preparation and a master of cross-examination.'

The Legal 500, 2014

Charles Hale is a family practitioner who is a master at both matrimonial finance and children related cases. He is regularly instructed by leading London and national solicitors and has handled cases of the utmost complexity and sensitivity such as A, B and C (2012), a matter concerning the relationship of a gay birth father to a child of lesbian mothers. Other recent matters of note include Re T (Children), which raised a very significant point in respect of costs in children proceedings involving local authorities. "A very smooth operator with clients, he shows an empathy and understanding of their emotional issues which is second to none. Clients are made to feel that he is really part of the fight."

Chambers 100 List UK Bar

The Chambers Bar 100 ranks the top barristers practising at the Bar of England and Wales.

Elicits much acclaim for his work on both the matrimonial finance and children law sides, and is routinely sought out for his strengths on high-value divorce cases and large-scale cross-jurisdictional children disputes.

Expertise: "His delivery is well judged and he is very easy to work with. He inspires a lot of confidence."

Recent work: Hale acted on behalf of the Grandparents Association in a widely publicised Supreme Court appeal regarding the liability of a local authority to pay the costs of a party to care proceedings.

Chambers & Partners, 2014

Band 1 for both Children and Matrimonial Finance

The 'very personable' Charles Hale is 'one of the very few senior juniors around who can tackle both financial remedy and children cases with equal facility'. 'He is meticulous in preparation and a master of cross-examination.'

The Legal 500, 2013

Charles Hale climbs the rankings for both children law and matrimonial finance matters, and receives strong plaudits for his work pertaining to international children disputes and high net worth divorces. Sources reveal that he "never takes a bad point," while adding that he is a "smart advocate" who is "good at finding solutions to intractable problems."

Chambers & Partners 2013 - Band 1

The 'impressive' Charles Hale, who is 'a number-one choice for complicated children cases as well as financial issues'.

The Legal 500, 2012

Charles Hale “is very good at both money and children cases,” and is thus a popular choice amongst solicitors for cases that contain both elements. He has a “very conciliatory approach and is extremely popular with clients,” say sources.

Chambers & Partners 2012

Charles Hale is an ‘exceptional performer’ who is ‘outstanding at both children and money work’. Charles Hale is ‘a formidable advocate, particularly in cross-examination’.

The Legal 500, 2011

Cases

14/06/2018	Kelly v Pyres (2018)	Charles Hale QC Jonathan Rustin	[2018] EWCA Civ 1368
14/02/2018	In the matter of C (Children) (2018)	Henry Setright QC Michael Gration Charles Hale QC Jacqueline Renton Michael Edwards Christopher Hames QC Mark Jarman	[2018] UKSC 8
21/03/2017	HB v A Local Authority and Anor (Wardship – Costs Funding Order) (2017)	Charles Hale QC Teertha Gupta QC Private: Oliver Jones Chris Barnes	[2017] EWHC 524 (Fam)
08/03/2017	J v U; U v J (No.2) (Domicile) (2017)	Charles Hale QC Jonathan Rustin	[2017] EWHC 449 (Fam)
20/10/2016	Re R (Final) (2016)	Private: David Williams QC Charles Hale QC Jacqueline Renton Matthew Persson	[2016] EWCA Civ 1016
02/06/2016	Johnson v Takieddine & Anor	Charles Hale QC Henry Clayton	[2016] EWHC 1895 (Fam)
22/12/2015	Re B (Children) 2015	Alex Verdan QC Charles Hale QC	[2015] EWCA Civ 1302
18/12/2015	Re C (Internal Relocation) (2015)	Charles Hale QC	[2016] 3 WLR 1 : [2016] 2 FCR 576 : [2015] EWCA Civ 1305 : [2016] Fam Law 284 : [2016] Fam 253
12/11/2015	Ramadani v Ramadani [2015]	Charles Hale QC Henry Clayton	[2015] EWCA Civ 1138
05/03/2015	B v B [2015]	Charles Hale QC	[2015] EWHC 210 (Fam)
13/11/2014	SB v MB (Costs) [2014]	Henry Setright QC Charles Hale QC Michael Gration	[2014] EWHC 3721 (Fam)

04/11/2014	AA v BB 2014	Charles Hale QC Henry Clayton	2014 EWHC 4210
14/03/2014	MB v GK [2014]	Charles Hale QC Mark Jarman	[2014] EWHC 963 (Fam)
25/07/2012	T (Children) [2012]	Teertha Gupta QC Charles Hale QC Rebecca Foulkes Dorothea Gartland	[2012] UKSC 36
14/03/2012	A v B and C [2012]	Alex Verdan QC Charles Hale QC	[2012] EWCA Civ 285
03/12/2009	Re R (A Child) sub nom DE L v H (2009)	Private: David Williams QC Charles Hale QC	[2010] 1 FLR 1229 : [2010] Fam Law 328 : [2009] EWHC 3074 (Fam)
03/12/2009	De L v H [2009]	Private: David Williams QC Charles Hale QC	[2009] EWHC 3074 (Fam); [2010] 1 FLR 1229
19/03/2008	D v S sub nom Re E (A Minor) (DOB 19 May 2000) : S v D (2008)	Charles Hale QC	[2008] EWHC 363 (Fam); (2008) 2 FLR 293
23/03/2007	Hammerton v Hammerton (2007)	Charles Hale QC	[2007] EWCA Civ 248
24/11/2005	Re G (Interim Care Order: Residential Assessment)	Charles Hale QC	[2006] 1 FLR 601
07/11/2002	B County Council v L & Ors (2002)	Private: Jonathan Cohen QC Charles Hale QC	[2002] EWHC 2327 (Fam)
29/11/2001	Michael Andrew Gayle v Julie Nwamara Gayle (2001)	Charles Hale QC	[2001] EWCA Civ 1910