

Family Arbitration

Senior family law barristers at 4PB provide arbitration of family disputes involving finances and/or property and children, as a binding alternative to using the court process. 4PB's barrister arbitrators are noted family law experts providing a timely, cost-effective and private resolution of these disputes.

- Family arbitration is voluntary. People on both sides of a dispute must agree to submit the dispute to arbitration.
- Arbitration is appropriate for all financial disputes including those arising on divorce, civil partnership dissolution, separation after living together, claims for provision after death, and financial claims on behalf of children.
- Arbitration can be used to decide all financial matters or specific aspects of a dispute. An arbitrator can make both interim and final decisions.
- Arbitration is appropriate for certain disputes relating to children but not those involving an international element or serious medical treatment.
- The process is flexible, and can be tailored to the needs and wishes of those involved and their legal advisors.
- The process is discreet and confidential
- The people in the dispute agree in advance that the arbitrator's decision will be made into a consent order to be set before the court for its approval.
- Arbitration in family law matters has been approved by the family court as being binding, save for in exceptional circumstances.
- For more information on arbitration, see the website of the Institute of [Family Law Arbitrators \(IFLA\)](#).

If you would like more information about how arbitration by senior [family law barristers](#) at 4PB could assist you or your client, please contact our family arbitration clerk, Denise Fallon, on 0207 427 5200. (Please note that all instructions for family arbitration must be made through the [IFLA](#))

Specialist Arbitration Barristers



Alex Verdan QC
Call: 1987 | Silk: 2006
Head of Chambers



Michael Sternberg QC
Call: 1975 | Silk: 2008



Catherine Wood QC
Call: 1985 | Silk: 2011



Charles Hale QC
Call: 1992 | Silk: 2014



Christopher Hames QC
Call: 1987 | Silk: 2015



Stephen Lyon
Call: 1987



Barbara Mills
Call: 1990