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Experience

Year of Call: 2001

Practice Areas

- Financial Remedies
- Private Children Law

Dispute Resolution

- Private FDR and Early Neutral Evaluation

Direct Access

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Education

Cardiff University LLB (honours)
Inner Temple Scholarship (2000)
Inner Temple’s Duke of Edinburgh Entrance Award (2000)

Profile

Katie is ranked as a leading junior barrister in the Legal 500 directory.

Her established practice covers all aspects of private family law and she is regularly instructed in both the financial and children aspects arising from a relationship breakdown.

Katie has considerable experience in both Schedule 1 applications and high net worth financial remedy cases involving nuptial agreements, off-shore assets, third party claims, pensions and complex business structures. Alongside her busy practice, she is regularly led by silks and has been praised for her meticulous preparation and command of the detail.

She is repeatedly instructed in difficult children matters, often involving serious allegations of sexual

abuse, violence and parental alienation, as well as cases with a long history of intractable or repeat litigation.

Katie is known for her exceptional client care skills, “spot on judgement” and sensible, tactical advice. Her advocacy is both persuasive and robust and her focus from the outset is to achieve the best possible outcome for her client.

Memberships

Inner Temple
Family Law Bar Association

Testimonials

“Katie has repeatedly impressed with her ability to handle huge quantities of complicated financial information. She is a master of the facts and has the ability to zero in quickly on key information and spot inconsistencies – both we and leading counsel relied on her immensely. Her judgement is also spot on.”

Mark Harrop – Head of London Team at Family Law Partners

Directories

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“A highly skilled advocate who takes control of a case and guides the judges, taking them to where they need to be.”

“She has a warm and personable nature which plays well with clients, but is a formidable advocate.”

Chambers and Partners, 2024

‘Katie is cool, calm and collected and can put the client immediately at ease. She is well prepared and brings that coolness to her advocacy where nothing phases her. She can present and argue the case with ease.’

Legal 500 2024, Family (Divorce and Financial Remedy)

‘Katie is a persuasive advocate. Her preparation and written work are second to none, and her eye for detail is outstanding. She is always the first-choice barrister.’

Legal 500 2024, Family (Children and Domestic Abuse)

“Katie Wood gives great advice and good client service when handling complex and sophisticated cases. She’s always available to assist when required between hearings too.”

“Katie has a warm and calm manner with clients; she cares and the client can feel that. She’s a supportive barrister and very easy to work with.”

Chambers and Partners, 2023

‘Katie is always meticulously prepared for cases. She is a robust and highly persuasive advocate and fantastic with clients. Her judgment is always correct, and she is definitely a go-to counsel in matrimonial finance cases.’

Legal 500 2023, Family (Including Divorce and Financial Remedy)

‘Katie has the ability to build a fantastic rapport with the lay client generating trust in the difficult and sensitive cases. She is superbly organised, with an eye for detail. She is astute with excellent judgment about the needs of each case and is a robust but always courteous advocate when needed.’

Legal 500, 2023 (Children Law)

‘ A confident and authoritative advocate. She is excellent at mastering the detail of a case and is always well-prepared. ’

Legal 500, 2022

‘Very hardworking. Fantastic with clients and really goes the extra mile to achieve results. A real star.’

Legal 500, 2021

“Her commitment to cases is consistently 150% – nothing escapes her detailed examination of even the most complex of cases.”

Legal 500, 2020