

Francesca Dowse

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Experience

Year of Call: 2004

Practice Areas

- Financial Remedies
- International Children Law
- Private Children Law

Dispute Resolution

- Collaborative Law
- Early Neutral Evaluation
- Mediation

Direct Access

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Qualifications

Diploma in Ayurvedic Consultancy 2014

Education

Lancaster University BA (Hons)

Manchester University CPE/PGDL 2002, Commendation

Manchester University BVC 2003, Very Competent

Appointments

Called to the Bar of England and Wales 2004

Called to the Bar of the Cayman Islands 2009

Profile

Francesca is an advocate with particular expertise in all matrimonial finance including Inheritance Act provision, International and private law children work. Francesca is regularly instructed in international disputes particularly in complex offshore matters involving trusts and partnerships in the context of high net worth divorce. She has advised on complex international pre-nuptial agreements and the movement of children around the world, particularly to non-Hague Convention countries.



In addition to being called to the English Bar, Francesca has also been called to the Cayman Islands Bar. From December 2008 to September 2014 Francesca practised as an Attorney for Samson & McGrath in the Cayman Islands. During this time Francesca appeared before the Cayman Islands Court of Appeal on numerous occasions and was involved in multiple high net worth 'offshore' financial remedy cases. In addition, with the Cayman Islands being highly transient in nature, Francesca was often instructed in permanent relocation children cases.

Like many successful members of the Bar, she developed a substantial international practice advising client's in England, BVI, New York, Australia, Switzerland and Hong Kong. Like many other international practitioners, Francesca is easily able to maintain a highly effective practice through centralised diary management and easy availability of flights, video conferencing and emails.

Francesca's reputation is for being firm and robust but fair, getting to the heart of a problem efficiently and with excellent judgment. She is also known for having excellent client management skills.

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association
Free Representation Unit
Bar Pro Bono Unit
Middle Temple

Recommendations

"Francesca is an excellent advocate with meticulous preparation making her a formidable adversary whilst at the same time being personable and professional to deal with. Her cross border experience is extensive."

Laura Hatfield, Solomon Harris

"I conducted a relocation case against Francesca at first instance and in the Cayman Court of Appeal, and found her to be effective, efficient and well-prepared." - Nicholas Cusworth Q.C

"I would recommend Francesca to anyone who is considering hiring her. Her professionalism, personable approach and attention to detail are among her notable qualities."

Claire Pettinati, Owner Kaibo, Cayman Islands:

Directories

'Is very clever and applies her intelligence most productively in analysing cases for the best and weakest points and then comes up with a strategy to deal with both.' 'One of her undoubted strengths is in being able to put the client at ease before and during a hearing and to ensure that the case is presented clearly.'

Legal 500, 2020

'She is a reassuring presence and clients trust her.' 'Provides clear and confident representation.'

Legal 500, 2019

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Cases

04/12/2014	Re S (A Child) (Abduction: Hearing The Child) sub nom AM v AS (2014)	Henry Setright QC Teertha Gupta QC Francesca Dowse Michael Gration	[2014] EWCA Civ 1557
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