

## Samantha Woodham

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### Experience

Year of Call: 2006

### Practice Areas

- Financial Remedies
- Private Children Law

### Dispute Resolution

- Early Neutral Evaluation

### Direct Access

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### Education

MA Law Cambridge University  
Qualified Collaborative Lawyer  
Trained Family Mediator

### Languages

French, Spanish

### Profile

Praised by clients, colleagues and the legal directories alike, Samantha specialises in complex and high-value financial disputes and in contentious private law children cases. She is a fearless advocate with a keen intellect, yet possesses a warm and approachable manner that puts clients at ease.

Samantha is in high demand from clients with complex financial circumstances, both domestic and international. She is known for her meticulous preparation, and her understanding of the corporate world. She speaks French and Spanish, and worked for a top London law firm before joining the bar, giving her a good grounding in corporate law.

In addition to representing married or formerly married clients in financial disputes, Samantha has considerable expertise in financial cases relating to children (Schedule 1 cases) where the parents may



not have been married and claims by unmarried cohabitants under trusts of land legislation. This is a specialist area, and Samantha is widely recognised for her skill and success in representing her clients who find themselves in a very different legal landscape to married couples. She is recognised as an expert in complex and high value cases.

Samantha's financial practice is complemented by her work on cases concerning living and contact arrangements for children, both within this country and internationally. She is often instructed in factually complex and difficult cases in which her charm, down-to-earth professionalism and unwavering support are appreciated by clients involved in litigation over their children's futures.

Samantha is also trained as a collaborative lawyer and believes passionately that for the right cases, out-of-court dispute resolution can bring a speedier and more dignified resolution.

Samantha has co-written the relocation chapter in the re-published, Rayden and Jackson on Divorce and Family Matters 2016.

Samantha is the co-founder with Harry Gates, a fellow member of chambers, of The Divorce Surgery, a unique service which allows couples to obtain joint, impartial legal advice at any stage of the divorce process: [www.thedivorcesurgery.co.uk](http://www.thedivorcesurgery.co.uk)

## Memberships

Middle Temple  
FLBA

## Directories

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### **Legal 500 2021 Top Tier, Family (Including Divorce and Financial Remedy)**

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### **Legal 500 2021, Children**

"Brilliantly hands-on and very accessible. She's pragmatic in terms of solutions and is very good both in negotiation or in the courtroom. She also has a really nice way with clients."

### **Chambers & Partners 2020**

'Her greatest strength is her ability to empathise with clients in a way which makes them feel completely

supported while also making their legal position clear."Her advice is carefully thought out and she is always meticulously well-prepared for any conference or hearing.'

**Legal 500, 2020**

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Strengths: "Samantha is enormously hard-working and dedicated. She deeply cares about her clients, and produces excellent written documents which are of great advantage to the case."

**Chambers & Partners 2019**

'She is very persuasive with judges in her calm and measured way.'

**Legal 500, 2019**

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Strengths: "She's absolutely fantastic and goes above and beyond what she needs to do. Brilliant with clients, she's approachable and enormously helpful."

**Chambers & Partners 2018**

'She is excellent in difficult money cases involving a need for sensitive management.'

**Legal 500, 2017**

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Strengths: "She has a fantastic manner and goes above and beyond the call of duty."

**Chambers & Partners 2017**

'Incredible with clients and feisty if needs be.'

**The Legal 500, 2016**

Regarded by her peers as a rising force in the field. She previously qualified as a solicitor and focuses her practice on matrimonial finance and private children work. Sources are quick to praise her preparation and work ethic.

Strengths: "She prepares thoroughly and produces very high-quality documents. She has got a very engaging, lively personality and even though she is young she radiates authority. The clients trust her."

**Chambers & Partners 2016**

'She is extremely personable and immediately establishes a fantastic and empathetic rapport with clients.' 'Punches above her weight, and is a superb advocate.'

**The Legal 500, 2015**

A rising junior dealing with high-value financial disputes and contentious private law children matters. "A pleasure to work with and someone who is very on top of the facts. She's very good with clients."

**Chambers & Partners 2015**

Samantha Woodham - A star of the future with infectious energy and enthusiasm.

**The Legal 500, 2014**

Debuts in the rankings this year and is gaining much recognition for her work relating to financial remedy cases and trusts of land applications. "A star of the future, who gives her all to clients and works incredibly hard to get the right result."

**Chambers & Partners 2014**

The 'endlessly charming' Samantha Woodham

**The Legal 500, 2013**