

## Julia Townend

### Experience

Year of Call: 2011

### Practice Areas

- Court of Protection - Vulnerable Adult
- Financial Remedies
- International Children Law
- Private Children Law
- Public Children Law

### Dispute Resolution

- Early Neutral Evaluation

### Direct Access

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### Awards



### Education

MA (Cantab), Law, Girton College, University of Cambridge  
BPTC, Kaplan Law School, London (Advocacy Scholar)

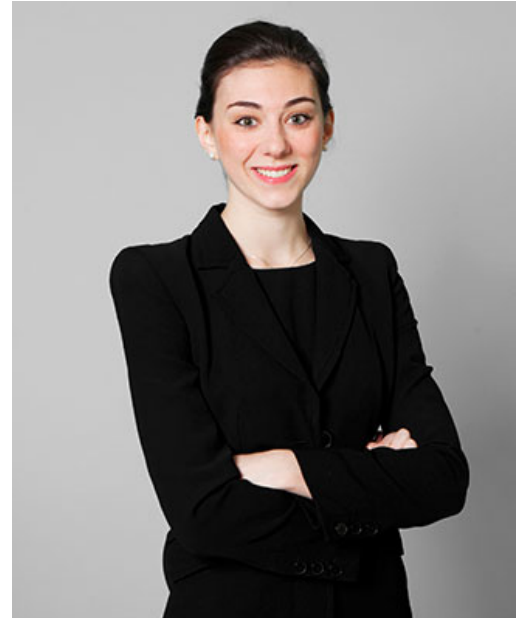
### Languages

Conversational French  
Beginner's Spanish

### Profile

Julia's practice has an emphasis on divorce, the financial consequences of relationship breakdown and disputes about child arrangements. She provides practical legal advice and excellent advocacy at all court levels, with maturity and expertise beyond her level of Call. She is approachable yet professional. Julia undertook pupillage in Chambers, during which she was awarded the Pupillage Advocacy prize by the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple. She was shortlisted as Jordan's Young Family Law Barrister of the year in 2016.

As well as having established an extremely busy practice in her own right, Julia has worked as part of the legal teams in two Supreme Court cases (Re B (A Child) [2013] UKSC 33 and In the Matter of LC (Children) [2013] UKSC 221). She has been led in numerous recent High Court cases, including in Re AD



and AM (fact-finding hearing) (Application for re-hearing) [2016] EWHC 326 (Fam) and Re AD and AM (Fact-finding: Rehearing) [2016] EWHC 2912 (Fam), child arrangements proceedings involving a high-profile client and a cross-jurisdictional, substantial asset financial remedy case in which a variation to a lump sum by instalments was sought.

Having served as a member of the Inner Temple Junior Bar Association Committee for three years (as pupil representative, social secretary and as family law representative), Julia acts as a mentor through the Inner Temple Mentoring Scheme, assisting aspiring barristers during their BPTC year. She continues to volunteer on the advice line for charity Rights of Women, to which she has been committed for the past few years.

Julia is a frequent deliverer of lectures and seminars and has contributed to journals and other publications. Her work includes:

Co-author with Charles Hale QC of the 'Children Act 1989, section 8 orders' chapter of Rayden and Jackson on Divorce and Family Matters

A Guide for Families, 7th Edition for charity Parents' Aid (Southern Essex)

Court of Protection Updates for Family Law Week:

[Court of Protection Update August 2014](#)

[Court of Protection Update January 2015](#)

[Court of Protection Update September 2015](#)

Guest blog posts:

[Unsettling settlements: Setting aside consent orders on the ground of material non-disclosure, Rainscourt Family Law Blog, 28 January 2016](#)

LexisNexis Practice notes:

Orders restricting further applications under section 91(14), LexisNexis, July 2015

The competing jurisdictions of England and Scotland (Villiers v Villiers), LexisNexis, June 2018

Other articles:

[The Children and Families Act 2014: how does it affect family practitioners? Fam. Law \(2014\) No.44 June 874-877](#)

Webinars:

June finance update, 21 June 2016, SG

Re B and what it means for future child cases, 27 June 2013, SG

## **Memberships**

Family Law Bar Association

Inner Temple

## **Testimonials**

"Julia did an exceptional job. I shall be instructing her again and telling everyone about her".

Lisa Pepper, Partner, Osbornes Solicitors LLP

"Julia displays all the characteristics of an excellent family barrister – she is great with clients, has a thorough understanding of her area of expertise and shows initiative in court. One to watch"

Tasha Bevan-Stewart, Partner, Watson Thomas Solicitors

"I unreservedly recommend Julia for her commitment and tenacity, coupled with excellent client care.  
Her legal advice is practical and relevant"

Simon Stell, Partner, LCF Law

## Cases

19/01/2018	O'Connell v Lovell (divorce : property) (2017)	Julia Townend	EWFC B99 [21 December 2017]
11/08/2017	Richards v Martin (2017)	Julia Townend	[2017] EWHC 2187
16/11/2016	Re AD & AM (Children) (Fact Finding: Re-Hearing) (2016)	Sally Bradley Julia Townend	[2016] EWHC 2912 (Fam)
24/02/2016	Re (1) AD (2) AM (Children) (2016)	John Tughan QC Sally Bradley Julia Townend	[2016] EWHC 326 (Fam)
12/06/2013	In the matter of B (A Child) [2013]	Alex Verdan QC Julia Townend	[2013] UKSC 33