



# ST. PAULS CHAMBERS

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## **Joanne Crossley**

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Called to the Bar: 1994

Somerville College, Oxford (Combes Exhibitioner)

City University, London GDL/CPE

BVC ISCL Very Competent (Harmsworth Exhibitioner)

Joanne has over sixteen years experience of practice in family law. She has developed a well deserved reputation as a determined and persuasive advocate who quickly builds an excellent rapport with her clients. Joanne undertakes all aspects of family work including Ancillary Relief, TOLATA, Schedule 1 Children Act claims, Cohabitation disputes and public and private law children cases.

### **Member of the following Associations**

- Family Law Bar Association
- Resolution
- Lectures on ancillary relief, financial applications on behalf of children, cohabitation issues.

### **Financial Cases**

Joanne has particular expertise in high value financial claims. She works at all levels and is increasingly instructed in High Court matters. Joanne also has experience of appellate work. Joanne is regularly instructed in matters involving businesses, farms, trusts, international assets, financial arrangements for children, complex pension arrangements and family property disputes.

She has experience of dealing with section 37 applications, disclosure applications, enforcement applications (particularly those involving pension schemes), interim costs/funding applications and expert accountancy evidence.

### **Children Cases**

Joanne is also experienced in public and private law children cases, particularly those involving complex fact finding exercises. She regularly acts for both local authorities and parents. Joanne has experience of dealing with expert witnesses on the issue of causation of injuries.

Joanne has also been instructed in private law children cases with an international element. She has been involved with child abduction cases involving non-Covention states and has worked with Reunite.

### **Skills**

- provides clear, pragmatic and commercially sound advice
- determined and persuasive advocate
- excellent written work with quick turnaround for written advice
- excellent negotiation skills
- ability to quickly absorb extensive documentation and clearly identify the relevant issues

Prior to joining Chambers, Joanne worked for three years at Langleys Solicitors in York as in-house Counsel. For part of that time she was Head of Department which gives her an unusual insight into all aspects of representation, particularly the pressures upon professional clients.