

Elizabeth Wark

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Practice Overview

Elizabeth Wark -Ranked: Rising Star-FAMILY: CHILDREN AND DOMESTIC ABUSE -'Elizabeth has great communication skills and is very approachable. She is very good at getting to the heart of a case.' **Legal 500**
Prior to coming to the Bar, Elizabeth practised as a Registered Nurse at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in her hometown of Sydney, Australia. She completed a two-year post-graduate training programme in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

This experience gives Elizabeth a unique insight into complex family problems and the difficulties individuals have in navigating the system when dealing with extreme stress, trauma and mental or physical ill health.

Elizabeth practises across all areas of family law:

Financial Remedies Nuptial Agreements Private Children Public Children Schedule 1 Children Act 1989 Family Law Act 1996

Elizabeth practises in civil law and chancery:

Cohabitation / Trusts of Land & Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 Undue Influence

Seminars

2020: 'Forgery: General Principles, Practice and Procedure' **2021:** Setting Aside a Financial Remedy Order - Where Are We Now? A Look at Current Law and Practice in Light of BT v. CU (2021) EWFC 87 **2022:** Where are we now? The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 & Case Update. Delivered alongside Anushka Kangesu **2024:** Current Issues in Modest Asset Cases: Part 1. Delivered alongside Laurence Cooper. Considered two issues (i) What's in the Pot? 'matrimonialisation' after Standish v Standish [2024] EWCA 567 and (ii) The 'Chimera' Problem - Family Loans & Resources **Forthcoming** -Current Issues in Modest Asset Cases: Part 2. Consideration of (i) Conduct (ii) Costs and (iii) Non-Court Dispute Resolution

Articles

'Setting Aside a Financial Remedy Consent Order in Covid Pandemic Times' on the Transparency Project Blog, August 2021 -<https://transparencyproject.org.uk/setting-aside-a-financial-remedy-consent-order-in-covid-pandemic-times-hw-ww2021-ewfc-b20/> Setting Aside a Financial Remedy Order -Where Are We Now? A Look at Current Law and Practice in Light of BT v. CU (2021) EWFC 87. This was a two-part article, published in the March and April 2022 edition of the Family Law Journal *Final Divorce Orders -a 'Particular Category'*, August 2024 -<https://transparencyproject.org.uk/final-divorce-orders-a-particular-category/> Forthcoming -'the Latest on Nuptial Agreements -Recent Cases & Key Practice Points' -Family Law Journal

Advocacy

January 2022 -Vulnerable Witness Training -Family Law Bar Association, London March 2022 -Advocacy Skills Workshop -Australian Advocacy Institute, Sydney September 2022 -Advanced International Advocacy Course, Keble College, Oxford January 2024 -Advanced Trial Advocacy, Australian Bar Association, Sydney

Other Roles

London Resolution Committee 3DJB Marketing Committee 3DJB Pupillage Committee Elizabeth will be involved in the City University Women in Law Society mootng programme and in their EmpowHER mentorship scheme

Previous Professional & Advocacy Experience



Elizabeth represented Middle Temple Inn at the European Universities Debating Championship in 2017, University College London at the World Universities Debating Championship in 2018, and was secretary of the Middle Temple mooted team at the 2017 Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition. In 2015-16 whilst undertaking the BPTC Elizabeth volunteered on the Vocalise pro-bono scheme which involved teaching debating in schools and prisons.

Her broad interests are reflected by various summer internships, including at the Bar Pro Bono Unit (now 'Advocate'), M&decins Sans Frontières in Madrid and ACI (The Financial Markets Association). Elizabeth takes on pro-bono work for Advocate as and when she is able.

Qualifications

Bachelor of Nursing, University of Technology, Sydney
Graduate Diploma in Law, City University, London (Commendation)
Bar Professional Training Course, City University, London (Very Competent)
LLM (International Commercial Law), UCL (Distinction)

Memberships

Honourable Society of Middle Temple
Resolution
Family Law Bar Association
Anglo-Australasian Lawyers Society
Britain-Australia Society
Association of Lawyers for Children
Royal Over-Seas League

Areas of Practice

Family

Domestic Violence
Family Finance
Public Children Law
Private Children Law

Civil

Contract, Company and Commercial
Chancery

Other Interests

Outside of the law, Elizabeth enjoys travel and medium distance running. She ran in the London Landmarks Half Marathon in 2021 to raise money for Advocate.