Ruth Hitschmann

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Practice Overview

Ruth was called to the Bar in 2014. She had previously practiced as a Solicitor having qualified in 2006.

Ruth is a specialist family law barrister. She is regularly instructed in all aspects of family law, including both children and financial remedies proceedings.

Ruth provides pragmatic straightforward advice while maintaining an empathetic approach to her clients. She is often praised for her thorough preparation and strong advocacy.

Financial Remedy Proceedings

Ruth undertakes a wide range of financial remedies work, dealing with parties who have modest assets as well as those who hold more complex assets in several jurisdictions, with multiple properties, businesses with complex structures and significant pensions.

Ruth has been involved in cases involving non-disclosure, dissipation of assets, add-back arguments, confiscation proceedings, non-matrimonial property including inheritance, multiple and overseas properties, business interests, pensions, maintenance, short marriages and contribution arguments.

She represents clients at all stages of proceedings, including First Appointment, FDR and Final Hearing, and is also instructed in enforcement, variation and set-aside applications. She achieves settlements where possible and is equally confident in contested final hearings. She can provide pre-proceedings advice and early case strategy.

Private Children

Ruth also has a strong private children practice, acting in cases from routine arrangements to complex disputes. She frequently represents parents at fact-finding hearings involving allegations of domestic or sexual abuse, and in matters concerning parental alienation or disputes over parental responsibility. She is known for her calm, practical approach and ability to handle sensitive evidence and robust cross-examination.

Public Children Law

Ruth has been involved in cases with issues of sexual abuse, physical abuse, deprivation of liberty, drug and alcohol issues, domestic abuse and neglect. She has represented parties with significant mental health difficulties including the loss of litigation capacity and parties with learning difficulties,

Ruth is qualified to accept instructions under the Bar Council Public Access scheme.

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Degree/University

BA (Hons) Economics and Law, University of Leicester LPC, College of Law

Scholarships/Awards/Prizes

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association

Areas of Practice

Public Children Law
Private Children Law
Family Finance
International Family Law
Domestic Abuse and Injunctions
Public Access

Outside Interests