

Laurence Cooper

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Practice Overview

Laurence is a family law specialist who accepts instructions across the full spectrum of Chambers' work, including:

- Financial remedies
- Private and Public children
- Schedule 1 Children Act 1989
- Family Law Act 1996

In Public law cases, Laurence acts for Guardians, Local Authorities and parents.

Laurence practices in Civil law and Chancery including:

- TLATA 1996 disputes
- Wills
- Probate
- Real Property

He is always pleased to engage with professional clients dealing with challenging legal scenarios.

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

Testimonials

"Your acceptance of the late instructions was so appreciated and then your work overnight and today was exemplary. Your advocacy and your advice on strategy was excellent. I particularly appreciated and respected the care and kindness with which you supported... yet still gave such great and clear advice throughout. Thank you!"

"He obtained incredible results for our client, who was extremely pleased and wishes to instruct him again on future matters." – Professional Client

Recent Seminars

2024: Current Issues in Modest Asset Cases: Part 1. 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

2025: Current Issues in Modest Asset Cases: Part 2. Consideration of (i) Conduct (ii) Costs and (iii) Non-Court Dispute Resolution.

Both seminars co-presented with Elizabeth Wark.

Laurence enjoys contributing to student training at Gray's Inn and, in 2025, helped judge the University of Greenwich Moot competition.

He works with the charity *Bridging the Bar* to mentor aspirant barristers from non-traditional backgrounds.

Before transferring to the Bar, Laurence worked in procurement, gaining extensive experience of business negotiation. He has chaired a charity and worked directly with countless vulnerable and homeless people.

His communication skills, and his sensitive yet determined approach are appreciated by both clients and tribunals.

Degree/University

B.A Hons English Language and Literature (University of Leeds) | GDL (University of Law) | BPTC (University of Law)

Scholarships/Awards/Prizes

Purvis Prize (University of Leeds) | Advocacy Scholar (University of Law) | Sir Dingle Foot Scholar (Gray's Inn)

Memberships

The Family Law Bar Association

The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn

Areas of Practice

Public Children Law

Private Children Law

Family Finance

Domestic Abuse and Injunctions

Inheritance, Wills & Probate

Contract, Company and Commercial

Chancery, including TLATA 1996

Public Access

Outside Interests