

Stephanie Coker

YEAR OF CALL: 2015



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Overview

Stephanie practices exclusively in Family Law.

Prior to joining the Bar, Stephanie worked at leading law firms in which she gained a wealth of experience in contentious and non-contentious property matters. Stephanie prides herself in her personability and ability to give clear and commercially minded advice to clients. She also accepts instructions direct from the public under the Direct Access Scheme.

In addition to her practice, Stephanie has acted as an Associate Lecturer at Kent Law School where her teaching responsibilities spanned across Land Law, Family Law, and Foundations of Property.

Stephanie is committed to social justice and pro bono work. She recently completed the Advocate “25 for 25” challenge providing over 25 hours of pro bono advice and representation in the last year. Outside of practice, she is a blogger and assists with preparing case summaries for the Financial Remedies Journal.

Additional information

Direct Public Access

Stephanie accepts Direct Public Access instructions.

Professional Panel Appointments

PDSL Accredited and International Mediation Institute Qualified Mediator.

Committee Member, Bar Council Pro Bono, and Social Responsibility Committee.

Additional Information

Education

LLB Law, University of Leicester (2013).

LLM International Commercial Law, University College London (2014).

Bar Professional Training Course, The University of Law (2015).

DPhil (Law), University of Leicester (Forthcoming).

Awards and Prizes

In 2022, Stephanie won the ‘Young Carers at University Poster Competition’ organised by the University of Leicester. She received a monetary award, and her poster was disseminated to increase awareness about the needs of Young Carers in Universities.

Professional Memberships

The Honourable Society of The Inner Temple

Family Law Bar Association
Advocate (formerly the Bar Pro Bono Unit)
Women in Family Law
Resolution
Property Bar Association (Associate Member)

Family, Children & International Family

Financial Remedies

Stephanie has a busy financial remedies practice dealing with applications under the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 and Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989. She regularly accepts instructions in matters involving businesses, pensions, non-matrimonial property, disclosure issues, enforcement and variation applications and interim remedies. Her specialist LLM puts her in good stead when dealing with matters involving companies and jurisdictional issues. Stephanie welcomes instructions in cases dealing with the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984. She is available to conduct private FDRs.

Cohabitee Disputes (TOLATA)

Stephanie's background in property and understanding of the CPR makes her well suited to advising and attending on claims concerning the Trust of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996 and Proprietary Estoppel. She has a busy paper practice which involves drafting pleadings in contested TOLATA claims, witness statements and opinions. She has successfully represented clients at all stages from initial advice to final hearings.

Private Children

Stephanie represents parents and children through their Guardians in Children Act proceedings from the FHDRA to final hearings. Many of these applications involve parallel Family Law Act applications. She is confident in dealing with matters involving issues of sexual abuse, mental health, parental alienation, and intractable disputes. She also has experience in representing clients in multi-day fact-finding hearings.

International Family Law & Public Children

Stephanie is able to represent clients in matters involving forced marriage, FGM, child abduction and other international family work. Stephanie has experience in public children matters having worked within the child protection department in a local authority and being exposed to this work during pupillage. In addition, she has a 4-year period of doctoral research that considered children, harm, risk, and welfare, which also feeds into her public children work.

Accreditation

