

# Lily Constance Brett

YEAR OF CALL: 2022



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## Overview

Lily has over 6 years of experience in family law, dedicating her career to various family legal roles. Prior to joining the Bar, Lily worked as a Legal Officer on behalf of the Local Authority, gaining extensive knowledge of complex care proceedings and in-house advocacy experience. Subsequently, her wealth of knowledge and expertise exceeds a typical barrister of her call.

Lily practices exclusively in family law, with a particular focus on private children law and financial remedy proceedings. Lily is frequently instructed in cases whereby multiple

proceedings overlap, such as private children and financial proceedings (and injunctions), providing her clients with the benefit of consistent counsel to ensure no stone goes unturned when dealing with each set of proceedings.

Lily possesses both a street and book-smart mindset, enabling her to advise clients in line with the law in a compassionate manner. She is famous for her down-to-earth nature and sincerely cares for her clients, which coupled with her ability to absorb the nuances and the complexity of her cases, instills trust in her representation. Lily adopts a straight-talking approach to her submissions and successfully engages the court by getting to the heart of the issues to maximise limited hearing time.

Lily's greatest strength is her advocacy and confidence in the court room. She ensures that her client's voice is always heard and has a particular art in empowering vulnerable clients as she is not afraid to push for the right outcome in challenging cases. As a result of her effective communication skills, she is a successful negotiator and is renowned for reaching agreements in the early stages of her cases, saving her clients the stress and costs associated with lengthy court proceedings.

#### **Direct Public Access:**

Lily accepts direct access instructions in appropriate cases.

## *Family & Children*

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#### **Private Children**

Lily manages an extensive practice in private children law proceedings entailing a wide variety of issues including cases with an international element, parental alienation, serious allegations of domestic abuse, substance misuse and mental health issues. She is regularly instructed at each stage of proceedings, including fact-finding hearings, and contested final hearings.

#### **Financial Remedies**

Lily specialises in financial remedy proceedings under the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 representing clients at the FDA, FDR and final hearing stage. She has experience in dealing

with cases entailing pensions, business valuation reports, and issues such as material non-disclosure. Lily also has experience with committal applications arising from non-compliance.

### **Non-Molestation & Occupation Orders**

Lily has dealt with a vast number of injunctions, including without notice and urgent applications to secure immediate protection for her clients. She is acutely aware of the statutory guidance set out in the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 to ensure a vulnerable witness is protected throughout proceedings.

## *International Family*

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### *Cases of Note*

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#### **EC v JC [2024] EWFC 175 (B)**

LB represented the husband on this 3 day final hearing on financial remedies