

Resolution London Region Committee Summer Party and Seminar: Valuing Diversity

8 June 2023



The London Regional Group has over 1000 members. We cover a wide geographical area, bounded by the M25. Our Members come from diverse practising backgrounds, a strength that is reflected in the membership of our Committee and in the events we organise.

Our Purpose

We organise social and know-how opportunities for our members, and consult with them about important practice related issues, including campaigning for legislative change and improving engagement with the courts.

On the educational side, we organise seminars and workshops covering black letter law and skills training. Socially, we have a popular summer drinks party every year, as well as organising other social events throughout the year.

Committee and Structure


We meet once a month, volunteering our time in addition to running busy practices.

We come from firms large and small and have a breadth of experience in privately and publicly funded work, financial and children cases.


We are committed to promoting Equality and Diversity awareness and initiatives.

Afternoon Timeline

- Arrival, Registration, Networking and Coffee 2.00pm to 2:15pm
- Welcome and Introduction: Valuing Diversity 2.15pm to 2.30pm
- Session One 2.30pm to 3.15pm
- Session Two 3.15pm to 4.00pm
- Coffee Break 4.00pm to 4.30pm
- Session Three 4.30pm to 5.15pm
- Question Time Panel 5.15pm to 6.00pm

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 Seminar 2pm - 6pm
Party 6pm to 10pm

 Collingham Gardens
Coram Campus (next to the Foundling Museum)
Brunswick Square
London
WC1N 1AZ

 **Get your tickets online**
www.bit.ly/resolution-summer



Maria Scotland

Session One
Financial orders and
invisible disabilities



Anna Remington
Rob George

Session Two - Part 1
Working with autistic clients
in family law cases



Matthew Brunsdon-Tully

Session Two - Part 2
Having ADHD as a family lawyer –
superpower or superpain?



Sarah Edwards

Session Three
Personal injury claims in
financial remedy cases

Question Time Panel

Exploring Maintenance
through an EDI lens

Seminar Speakers

Maria Scotland

Deputy Head of Chambers | Five St Andrew's Hill



Maria is Deputy Head of Chambers and Head of the Family Team at 5 St. Andrew's Hill, London. She practices exclusively in family law with a specialism in finances and private law children work. She accepts instructions to act through a solicitor or directly from members of the public on a Direct Access basis. She believes that at the heart of every good family barrister is a desire to serve their client for their highest good, which means striving to end the litigation as swiftly as possible with the least emotional toll, for the least costs possible and wherever possible for no fee (pro bono).

Professor Anna Remington

Professor of Autism Research | UCL



Anna Remington is Professor of Autism Research, and Director of the UCL Centre for Research in Autism and Education (CRAE). Her work focuses on superior abilities in autism, specifically with respect to attention and perception. In addition, Anna investigates the knowledge and expertise of professional groups (lawyers, GPs, teachers) working with autistic individuals and advises companies regarding best practice for supporting autistic employees.

Professor Rob George

Professor of Law and Policy | UCL



Rob George is Professor of Law and Policy at University College London and is a barrister at Harcourt Chambers. His practice is mostly in international and private law children cases; he was the Lexis International Family Lawyer of the Year 2020-21. In addition to his writing on relocation and child law more generally, Rob's research looks at the workings of the Family Justice System and the roles that professionals play within it.

Matthew Brunsdon-Tully

Head of Family | Wedlake Bell



Matthew's background is as a family law barrister in financial remedies, private law children and jurisdiction disputes, and he was formerly as a barrister at 1 Hare Court (Band 1). He moved to Forsters LLP in 2019 and then Wedlake Bell in 2022 and is now highly experienced at dealing with pre-nuptial agreements and cohabitation agreements. In addition, he is a CEDR-trained mediator, and experienced at providing representation for clients within lawyer-led mediations and Private FDRs.

Sarah Edwards

Barrister | 7 Bedford Row



Sarah Edwards is a highly experienced advocate in both clinical negligence and family law at all levels including appearances in the Court of Appeal. Sarah has extensive expertise in complex clinical negligence cases, often involving difficult medical and legal issues. Her cases have involved most clinical and surgical specialities, general practice and nursing. Having studied pre-clinical medicine at Cambridge, she is able to evaluate complex medical evidence.

Question Time Panel

Chair - Remyhs Baker

Associate | Pinney Talfourd



Remyhs is an associate solicitor at Pinney Talfourd LLP. She covers all areas of family law. Remyhs provides commercially focused, practical advice. Working in a constructive manner, she strives to resolve matters amicably for clients. Remyhs is an active member of Resolution. She was Co-Chair of The National EDI committee until December 2022 and continues to sit on the committee as an active member.

Nicholas Allen KC

Joint Head of Chambers | 29 Bedford Row



Nicholas Allen KC is barrister specialising in financial remedy work. He is Joint Head of Chambers at 29 Bedford Row (London). He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2018 and a Deputy High Court Judge in 2021 (previously appointed a Recorder of the Family Court in 2016). He is one of the editors of The Family Court Practice (the 'Red Book'), and is editor of the family law chapters of Foskett on Compromise (Ninth Edition, 2019).

Jennifer Lee

Barrister | Pump Court Chambers



Jennifer Lee is a family law barrister at Pump Court Chambers. She specialises in financial remedies and is regularly instructed in HNW cases involving family businesses, inherited wealth, nuptial agreements and trusts. Many of her cases involve tax complications and jurisdictional issues. Jennifer has a niche practice in modern families and leads the COP team and has an interest in capacity matters. Jennifer sits as a Fee-paid Judge of the Tax Chamber (FTT).

Sapna Shah

Barrister | 33 Bedford Row



Having recently moved back to the Independent Bar from working in-house for several years, Sapna is now specialising mainly in aspects of private children law and financial relief. Sapna has a particular interest in assisting vulnerable adult clients to make sure their voices are heard. She has won praise for advising and representing adults with various mental health conditions.

Pelumi Adeola

Partner | BHP Law



Oluwapelumi (Amanda) is a Partner and Solicitor-Advocate (Higher Rights Civil) at BHP Law. Based at the Darlington, County Durham office, Amanda specialises in all aspects of family law including divorce, separation, financial matters arising from divorce/separation and private law children proceedings. Amanda is a keen advocate and she represents her clients at Court in some proceedings.

Nasstassia Hylton

Barrister | 1GC Family Law



Nasstassia Hylton was called to the bar in 2007 and is a tenant at 1GC Family Law. Nasstassia's practice covers all areas of private children law, financial remedies work, public law proceedings and domestic abuse cases, including cases with an international element.

Joe Rainer

Barrister | Queen Elizabeth Building



Joe is a junior barrister at QEB. He has a specialist matrimonial practice, with a focus on financial remedies. He has appeared in several well-known reported cases and writes and lectures frequently on a variety of topics. He is an editor of the practitioner text At A Glance, sits on the editorial board of the Financial Remedies Journal and is a member of the Pensions Advisory Group ("PAG").

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