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EDWARD BOYDELL KC

"He is client-focused, very reliable and someone judges really like as he is highly skilled but has an air of humility about him."

Chambers & Partners 2025

Call: 1989 / Silk: 2024

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Edward Boydell KC is head of the Family Finance team and is highly experienced in all aspects of family law but particularly financial remedies (including civil partnerships).

Legal 500 2025 says "the practice group in chambers is led by Edward Boydell KC...he is 'a strategically brilliant and outstanding advocate....Edward is an exceptional family barrister in all areas. He is an excellent strategist, tough negotiator, clever and has sharp forensic skills. He is always meticulously prepared and instils total confidence in the client and instructing solicitor'" "Edward has a command and presence before any tribunal. He is the go-to barrister for complex cases."

Chambers & Partners 2023 named him as the only "Star Individual" junior for Family Finance on the Western Circuit and one of only seven juniors named as Star Individuals across the UK Bar in Family Finance. Edward has been recognised for over 10 years in Band One of "Leaders at the Bar" in both Chambers & Partners directory and Legal 500 for his family finance work.

Legal 500 2023 listed him in Tier 1 'Edward is very astute and has an incisive mind. His attention to detail is phenomenal. He is silk material.'

Chambers & Partners 2022 listed him as a Leader of the Bar on both the Western and South-Eastern Circuits and describes him as "a consistently high performer and continues to be at the top of his game in complex financial remedy cases." "A competent and able advocate who is good with clients. He has the ability to talk on a level which works for the client." "Edward is always standout: extremely well prepared, impressive in his presentation and commanding in his arguments."

The Legal 500 2022 listed him in Tier 1 'Edward thinks outside the scope of the ordinary to ensure that all angles are covered. He is approachable and personable, and thorough. As an advocate he is determined, strong, reasoned and articulate' and in 2021 stated "He is a great team player and, unusually for counsel, strategist. His ability to absorb

and simplify the most complex facts and arguments is quite remarkable; and occasionally humbling.”

In Chambers & Partners 2020 stated “*he has a superb ability to explain court processes and outcomes to clients in a clear and easy manner.*” “*He’s a standout because he’s often against silks and he’s more than able to meet the standard.*”

Comments in previous editions of Chambers & Partners include: 2019 “*Edward Boydell is Head of the family finance team, with over two decades’ experience advising on matrimonial finance. He regularly represents high net worth clients in cases involving challenging assets such as farms, family companies and overseas trusts. Strengths: Ed is an outstanding senior junior. He is clearly very bright and a brilliant advocate, who has no reservations about ruffling a few feathers if that is in his client’s interests.*” 2018: “*Edward Boydell is superb and shows great attention to detail. He has an easy rapport with clients and an extraordinary ability to master and absorb complex cases.*” “*His reputation, creativity and client care very much make him stand out from the crop. He is an exceptional advocate with a very good grasp of detail.*” “*He is very calm and methodical, and good with clients.*” 2017: Edward Boydell “*is always exceptionally prepared, he is a fantastic negotiator and advocate who suits almost every client due to his versatile personality.*” “*Excellent client-handling and thorough analytical skills.*” “*His reputation, creativity and client care very much make him stand out from the crop. He is an exceptional advocate with a very good grasp of detail.*” “*He is very calm and methodical, and good with clients.*”

Past editions of Legal 500 in which he is ranked in Tier 1 have described him as “*a match for any silk*” and “*a clear and analytical barrister, who has an excellent client manner that inspires confidence*” and that “*his advocacy style is relaxed, fluent and confident*”.

Edward is available to conduct **Private FDRs**. Legal 500 2024 ranks him in Tier 1 of the Silks list of Leading Private FDR judges. He is one of relatively few Recorders to be ticketed to hear Family Finance appeals and has over 17 years experience of sitting in the family courts. He sits as a judge of the Financial Remedies Court in the Midlands and in Surrey. Edward also sits as a judge of the Crown Court.

Family Finance

Edward is highly experienced in all aspects of family law, but particularly financial remedies (including civil partnerships). He has specific expertise in dealing with complex high net worth matters involving family businesses, farms, companies and trusts. He is also very experienced in equitable co-ownership cases under TOLATA. Particularly well known for his family finance work and recognised as one of the “Leaders at the Bar”.

Selected Cases

LMZ v AMZ [2024] EWFC 28

Moor J's judgment in unusual case involving a 93 year old husband and a 45 year old wife after a 23 year marriage. Computation heavily disputed as wife seeking to include significant pre-acquired Iraqi property assets despite liquidity and foreign exchanges challenges. Judgment deals with marital and non-marital assets and needs. Distinguishes K v L.

CMX v EJX (French Marriage Contract) [2022] EWHC 136

Moor J's judgment in a French Marriage Contract case where he upheld the contract but awarded the wife 40% of all assets and 45% of the liquid assets. The judge also comments on the utility of PODE reports and the correct approach to top-up maintenance for high earners, not following Mostyn J in CB v KB.

S v C [2020] EWHC 2127 (Fam)

Decision of Roberts J in an 'unusual application' by a former wife for a financial remedy order in respect of A who is the parties' only child, who is six years old. Edward Boydell instructed by Miles Preston.

AM v PM [2019] EWHC 8 (Fam)

Roberts J exploring needs after the parties had divided c£11.5m assets prior to trial. Edward Boydell for LGFL. Richard Castle for Charles Russell Speechleys

GS v L [2011] EWHC 1759 (Fam)

£4m case concerning the applicability of a post-nuptial settlement signed by the parties in Spain after 2 years of a 10 year marriage. Further issues were raised such as the relevance of pre-acquired assets and whether the court should have regard to the types and range of orders that would be made if the case were being heard in Spain, the family being essentially Spanish and all residing in Madrid. The case was heard over 7 days before Eleanor King J. Edward Boydell instructed by Wilsons.

GS v L [2011] EWHC 2116 (Fam) (costs)

Costs judgment of Eleanor King J (now LJ) following a complex case as to pre and post nuptial agreements and pre-acquired assets. Guidance as to the correct approach on costs. Edward Boydell for Wilsons.

Lofthouse v Box [2014] EWHC 1795 (Ch)

Complex application under TOLATA by former co-habitee (who was a policeman) for a share in the house of his former partner (a solicitor) on the basis of monies paid by him to her which he claimed was an investment and she was a loan. Serious allegations of conduct and dishonesty.

Smith v Smith [2007] EWCA Civ 454

Court of Appeal guidance as to the correct approach to a wife retaining an interest in her former husband's business assets. Edward Boydell instructed by Wilsons. H in person after first hearings.

Hill v Hill [1998] 1 FLR 198

Leading Court of Appeal case on delay. W brought a new application retrospectively on basis of implementation of the MCA 1973 having had a financial claim first in 1969, some 29 years earlier. Edward Boydell instructed by Lamport Bassitt.

H v H

H's application to terminate PPs of over £45,000 pa 13 years after divorce. H sought an immediate termination, W a substantial replacing lump sum. Court determined an immediate termination. Edward Boydell for H instructed by Rita Gupta of LGFL

M v M

£10m case concerning property holdings and waste management businesses in Hampshire. Edward Boydell instructed by Simon Burge of Blake Morgan LLP for H

X v X

£25m case concerning a pre-nuptial agreement under which W receives 30% of the combined family wealth subject to a minimum sum. Issues included W's case that 30% would not provide for her needs and calculation disputes as to the assets. Edward Boydell for H instructed by Erica Shelton and Charlotte Posnasky of Charles Russell Speechlys LL

B v B

£5M case in which it was alleged that W had attempted to commit fraud by forging court documents leading to a final consent order in 2007. H applied to set aside the orders and matter was eventually compromised before Mostyn J. Edward Boydell instructed by Wilsons was led by Nicholas Francis QC

S v S

Parties agreed to divide £40M equally after a long marriage. Both parties wished to retain a French chateau bought and restored over the last 9 years of the marriage. Single issue hearing to determine who should retain the chateau fought over 3 days before Sir Hugh Bennett. Edward Boydell led by Nicholas Francis QC for H.

B v B

c£5M farming case. H and W farmed large estate held largely in H's family trusts over long marriage. There were issues as to relevance of inherited wealth and resources. Compromised shortly before trial in May 2012. Edward Boydell instructed by Wilsons

Qualifications

- History & Education B.Ed. (Hons), Cambridge University
- Diploma in Law, University of Westminster
- Inns of Court School of Law

Professional associations

- Family Law Bar Association

Professional activities

- Edward was appointed a Recorder in 2005 sitting in Civil and Family (including Private Law, Public Law and Financial Remedy Appeals). Since 2015 he has also sat as a Recorder of the Crown Court.
- Edward sits as a judge of the Financial Remedies Court and is ticketed to hear appeals.
- Edward is regularly invited to speak at seminars including the Hampshire Family Court Forum, Western Circuit CPD Conference, Hampshire Resolution, Devon Resolution, Thames Valley Family Lawyers and Whitepaper.

Outside Interests

Edward enjoys sport, theatre and Italy.