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## MARIA HENTY

"Thank you for all of your fantastic help over the last couple of years culminating in the amazing result yesterday - you have been truly fantastic and I would certainly not have achieved such success without you."

Client

Call: 2012

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Maria Henty is building a practice in all areas of family law, with a particular interest in family finance.

Maria read social and political sciences at Girton College, Cambridge before converting to law. Prior to coming to the bar, Maria worked for two years as a solicitors' agent, attending the County Court on a daily basis on a variety of civil matters.

Maria is direct access qualified.

## Family Finance

Maria has a growing family finance practice and has experience in dealing with cases involving foreign assets, companies, multiple properties, intervenors, trusts, enforcement, and pre-nuptial & post-nuptial agreements.

Maria acts in family finance cases from first appointment to final hearing.

Maria has also acted in Schedule 1 Act claims.

## Selected Cases

### H v H (2018)

Represented an applicant who retained approximately 90% of the matrimonial assets by way of final court order following the respondent's non-compliance. Cross-examination of respondent following an 'oral Form E' at court. Decision upheld on appeal.

### S v B (2018)

Successful Schedule One Children Act 1989 claim, resulting in the applicant and children remaining in the family home and the respondent leaving, a one day contested final hearing.

### V v V (2018)

Following continued non-compliance with a final order, successful in obtaining an order that the respondent vacate the FMH and afford the applicant vacant possession, by way of possession order. Also secured a costs order against the respondent.

## Children Law (Private)

Maria has represented parents at all stages of private children proceedings: her experience at trial in the criminal and civil courts means that she is well practised in cross-examination, including of experts.

Recently Maria has been involved in cases involving: international relocation; internal relocation; leave to remove temporarily from the jurisdiction for a holiday; consent as to medical treatment; revocation of parental responsibility; special guardianship orders for family members; change of a child's name; witchcraft; parental alienation; appointment of guardian; and sexual abuse of a child.

She also has experience in respect of enforcement applications and appeals.

Maria has been praised for her thorough preparation and presentational skills.

## Selected Cases

### S v A (2018)

Following two years of litigation, successful reunification of applicant and child including a change of who the child lives with. Complex factual background, including the involvement of social services with another child, domestic abuse, corporal punishment, and allegations of witchcraft.

### B v B (2018)

Success at one day final hearing in respect of a prohibited steps order remaining in place so as to prevent a medical procedure.

### W v W (2018)

Successful defence in enforcement proceedings, avoiding any form of punishment or fine, following repeated breaches of a final order. One day contested hearing.

### L v L (2018)

Secured a SGO in favour of aunt and uncle.

### B v A (2018)

Application for leave to remove from the jurisdiction to a Non-Hague convention country. One day contested hearing.

### J v J (2017)

Successful revocation of father's parental responsibility and order that father have no contact or association with the child, in light of his very serious sexual abuse of the mother.

### M v M (2017)

Application for leave to remove permanently from the jurisdiction, one day contested hearing.

## Children Law (Public)

Maria is able to accept instructions from the Local Authority, parents, guardian and interveners.

Maria has appeared in the High Court in respect of public children proceedings.

She has been involved in cases concerning: sexual abuse, non-accidental injury, and deprivation of liberty.

Maria has been instructed on a number of final hearings, representing parents and also the Local Authority.

Maria has been praised for her ability to deal with complicated matters and difficult clients.

## Qualifications

- BPTC (Very Competent)

- LLB (GDL Conversion)
- MA Cantab Social & Political Sciences, Girton College, Cambridge

## Professional associations

- Family Law Bar Association (FLBA)
- Resolution
- Western Circuit

## Professional activities

- Cholmeley Studentship, Lincoln's Inn
- Droop Scholarship, Lincoln's Inn
- Denning Society Lincoln's Inn
- Council of the Inns of Court Essay Prize, Winner