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TARA LYONS

"Very good with clients and very knowledgeable on the law."

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Tara Lyons is a specialist family and civil law practitioner and is ranked both in Chambers & Partners and Legal 500. She represents a range of litigants and is instructed to appear in courts and tribunals at all levels up to and including the Court of Appeal. Tara undertakes a range of written work and is happy to advise both on paper and by telephone.

Tara is described by her clients as having "a sharp legal mind" and being "extremely capable on her feet". She is known for her sensitive and friendly representation of clients which she combines with a robust and pragmatic approach to the case.

Other testimonials include:

"I cannot recommend Tara Lyons highly enough. She has represented several clients at final hearing and on each occasion her preparation and advocacy has been second to none. The results she has achieved for my clients have been exceptional and on every occasion at the very high end of what I could have expected a Judge to award. This is down to the thoroughness of the preparation, the energy and care she brings to her work, her ability to work well under pressure and Court deadlines, and the fact that Judges really like her. I particularly appreciate the way she keeps me as her Instructing Solicitor in the loop. She will always telephone me to discuss the case prior to a hearing and will consult me throughout appropriately. She has a very good manner with clients who love her."

"May I please firstly comment on the tenaciousness, attention to detail and professionalism that Ms Lyons has displayed both in respect to us as clients and in her role as our Barrister. She has undertaken our case, which was extremely challenging due to a number of complex issues and has successfully secured a judgement in our favour. Ms Lyons is a credit to both the legal profession and Pump Chambers"

Tara is authorised to accept work on a direct access basis as part of the Public Access Scheme.

Family Finance

Tara has significant experience for her call in matrimonial finance and cases concerning financial provision for children under Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989 both at first instance and on appeal. She is regularly instructed to deal with complex disputes including cases concerning business interests and pensions, third party intervenors and overseas assets. Tara regularly acts in related matters such as variation of orders, applications to set aside orders, freezing injunctions and enforcement. She drafts both pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements and advises on the same. She also acts in contested divorce matters. She is praised for her robust but sensitive approach to her cases.

Selected Cases

B v B (2018)

Tara successfully represented the Wife in achieving a 70% costs order in Financial remedies proceedings in which significant adverse findings were made against the Husband.

S v S (2017)

Tara successfully acted for the Husband in his section 31 application.

L v S (2017)

Tara achieved an excellent settlement for a wife in a case involving a prenuptial agreement and complex foreign jurisdictional issues.

Re A (a child) (2017)

Tara represented the Father in the Court of Appeal defending an appeal against a costs order made in Family Proceedings.

DJ v DJ (2016)

Tara successfully secured an order that all the disclosed assets in financial remedies proceedings be transferred to the wife where the husband had materially non-disclosed.

N v N (2015)

Tara successfully represented the wife in financial remedies proceedings where the Judge made a finding that over £150,000 should be “added in” on account of monies spent by the husband on gambling.

P v P (2015)

Tara successfully represented a wife in contested divorce proceedings.

R v R (2015)

Tara successfully represented a policeman in financial remedies proceedings brought after 15 years of separation achieving a clean break.

Children Law (Private)

Tara is regularly instructed in a range of complex private law disputes including those concerning allegations of serious physical or sexual abuse, parties with personality disorders or addiction and applications for removal from the jurisdiction. Tara shows great empathy and sensitivity towards her client and is equally skilled at advancing her client's case through negotiation outside the court as through her advocacy in court.

Selected Cases

Re (A) (2017)

Tara appeared in the Court of Appeal on a case involving costs orders in children act appeals.

A v A (2017)

Tara acted for the Father in successfully defending a school fees order application.

A v A (2016)

Tara obtained a living arrangements order, prohibited steps order, passport order and port alert in High Court proceedings brought by the father against the mother in circumstances where she was threatening to remove the child to Oman.

Inheritance, Wills & Probate

Tara regularly receives instructions in claims concerning the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975, contentious probate matters, disputes about validity of wills and administration issues. She represents a

range of litigants including children at mediation and at court in both the County and High Court. Tara appears in the Court of Protection in cases concerning its property and affairs jurisdiction and the Mental Capacity Act 2005.

Tara frequently speaks at the Pump Court Inheritance and Vulnerable Adult team seminars on a range of issues and contributes to a range of specialist publications.

Selected Cases

In the estate of FS

Tara successfully advised a cohabitee in an Inheritance Act claim and secured an extremely generous settlement on her behalf.

Court of Protection

Tara appears in the Court of Protection in cases concerning its property and affairs jurisdiction and the Mental Capacity Act 2005. She regularly receives instructions in claims concerning the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975, contentious probate matters, disputes about validity of wills and administration issues.

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Tara is an accomplished barrister and an accredited mediator who combines a gentle and engaging manner with an incisive and analytical approach to the dispute at hand. She is praised for her grasp of complex factual and legal issues as well as her understanding of the parties' underlying needs and motivations enabling her to facilitate a resolution. As a barrister Tara specialises in family financial remedies claims, claims involving the Inheritance Act 1975 and the Trust of Land and Appointments of Trustees Act 1996, contentious probate, proprietary dispute and a range of commercial and contract disputes. She mediates in a range of disputes which extend beyond these core practice areas.

Direct Access

Tara is authorised to accept work on a direct access basis as part of the Public Access Scheme.

Qualifications

- Pegasus Scholarship, Inner Temple (2010)
- Harmsworth Entrance Exhibition Award, Middle Temple (2004)
- Dr Cooper Law Studentship, Trinity Hall, Cambridge (2004)
- BVC, Inns of Court School of Law (2005)
- MA Law, Cambridge University (2004)

Professional associations

- Family Law Bar Association
- Western Circuit

Outside Interests

Tara enjoys sports and travel.

Publications

Tara contributes to a range of specialised publications and presents webinars on a range of topics.