

## Iain Large



YEAR OF CALL: 2016

INN: MIDDLE TEMPLE

### Practice Overview

Iain completed a specialist family law pupillage under Abigail Bond and Nick Miller in September 2017, in which he experienced the full range of financial remedy and public and private law children matters. He is now developing his practice in all areas of family law and is happy to consider instructions on a pro bono basis in appropriate cases.

Iain was born and bred in the South West. Prior to commencing pupillage, he studied History at both the University of Oxford (BA, first class) and Harvard University (MA). He then worked to set up a Lottery-funded legal advice partnership in Exeter. Turning to law, Iain undertook the Graduate Diploma in Law (GDL) conversion course in Plymouth followed by the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC) in Bristol, achieving the top marks in his cohort on both courses.

He is currently a trustee of the South West Legal Support Trust.

### Areas of Expertise

#### Family & Divorce

#### Children Private Law

Having completed pupillage at St John's under the experienced supervision of Abigail Bond, Iain is rapidly developing a strong private law children practice. He has represented parents in applications for child arrangements, specific issue and prohibited steps orders from first appointments through to final hearings. He has experience handling issues including residence and contact, drug and alcohol use, section 7 and section 37 reports, and domestic abuse. Iain is also familiar with applications for non-molestation and occupation orders.

Recent work includes:

- ▶ S v B (2017). Assisted as junior counsel in a long-running private law to advise on incipient public law proceedings arising from a s.37 direction.

- ▶ *M v W* (2017). Represented a father at final hearing who successfully sought a change of residence, in a case in which the local authority was considering issuing proceedings should there be no change.
- ▶ *G v E* (2017). Final hearing of an application for a specific issue order to determine children's secondary education.

### **Children Public Law**

Having completed pupillage at St John's under the experienced supervision of Abigail Bond, Iain has gained experience in a wide range of public law children matters. He has appeared for parents and local authorities at ICO, case management, issues resolution and final hearings at which supervision, care and placement orders have been sought. He has also acted in short-notice applications for Interim Care Orders and Emergency Protection Orders.

Recent work includes:

- ▶ *Re G* (2017). Represented a father through to contested final hearing in which the main issue was whether there had been a change of circumstances following recently concluded proceedings in respect of two older children.
- ▶ *Re A* (2017). Appeared for prospective special guardians in whose favour orders had been made in respect of all but one child, for whom the local authority supported placement for adoption despite a positive SG assessment. The local authority ultimately changed its care plan and supported an SGO in respect of the youngest child.

### **Divorce & Financial Remedy**

Having completed pupillage under the supervision of Nick Miller, Iain is developing experience in all areas of matrimonial finance work. He has appeared for applicant and respondent in FDA, FDR and final hearings in his own right across the Western Circuit.

Recent work includes:

- ▶ *P v P*- Final hearing in which the chief issue was the impact of a deed of trust, by which the wife sought to protect her initial deposit on the former matrimonial home, on division of the net proceeds. Successfully argued that the sharing principle should apply and the trust deed be disregarded.
- ▶ *S v S* – Written advice on the likely treatment of (a) the husband's pre-marital pensions and (b) inherited property held for the husband under a discretionary trust, in both needs and sharing scenarios.
- ▶ *H v H* – Negotiated settlement at FDR in a case involving sale of the FMH and unequal division of proceeds between parties due to childcare responsibilities.
- ▶ *D v D* – Represented a wife who was the sole contributor to the FMH seeking a departure from equality following a short marriage with limited mingling of assets.

## ToLATA

During pupillage, Iain gained experience of ToLATA applications and related matters under the auspices of barristers Zoë Saunders and Andrew Commins. He is now happy to accept instructions in this area of work.

## Related Article

- ▶ What do children lawyers need to know about the Court of Protection? [2017] Fam Law 537 – 542

## Professional memberships:

- ▶ Family Law Bar Association
- ▶ Association Member of Resolution

## Qualifications & awards:

- ▶ BPTC (Bristol Institute of Legal Practice (UWE)) – Outstanding; GDL (University of Plymouth) – Distinction; MA History (Harvard University, USA); BA History (Balliol College, University of Oxford) – First Class
- ▶ Princess Royal Scholarship, Inner Temple; GDL Exhibition, Inner Temple; Faculty of Business and Law Prize for highest overall marks (BPTC); Sweet & Maxwell Vocational Law Prize for highest marks (GDL); Newman Scholarship and Exhibition in History, Balliol College, Oxford

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