

Jack Harris



YEAR OF CALL: 2012

INN: LINCOLN'S INN

“ Jack is extremely bright, knowledgeable and enthusiastic with a strong attention to detail. He has an excellent manner with clients, immediately making them feel reassured, supported and confident that they are in the best of hands. 'His advocacy skills are first-class and he is always extremely well prepared. He is attentive to solicitors and does an exceptional job throughout.' ”

CHAMBERS UK, 2022

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Practice Overview

Jack now has an entirely remote and paperless practice and continues to offer his services to clients both in conference and in court hearings by telephone and by video conferencing platforms including MS Teams, Zoom, Skype for Business, and BlueJeans. Jack is happy use other platforms, and to discuss and advise on the most appropriate remote platform for each case. He is also able to advise and assist in ensuring compliance with national and local Practice Directions and Protocols, as they develop, during the COVID-19 crisis.

Jack is recognised in Chambers & Partners as a specialist family barrister. He has a busy court-based practice and appears in courts across the Western Circuit and further afield. Jack accepts instructions in all aspects of family law including:

- ▶ Financial Remedy (formerly 'Ancillary Relief') proceedings
- ▶ Schedule 1 Children Act 1989
- ▶ Private law Children Act 1989 disputes
- ▶ Injunctive relief under Part IV Family Law Act 1996 where domestic violence is alleged
- ▶ Domestic Violence Protection Orders under the Crime and Security Act 2010
- ▶ Proceedings under the Inherent Jurisdiction of the High Court
- ▶ Wardship
- ▶ International Child Abduction and Hague Convention 1980 proceedings

Jack welcomes instructions to advise in conference or in writing. He is happy to consider instructions on a pro bono basis in appropriate cases.

Areas of Expertise

Family & Divorce

Children Private Law

Jack is regularly instructed in Children Act 1989 proceedings to appear at first appointments, dispute resolution appointments, and final hearings, some of which span several days. He has significant experience in appearing before Magistrates and District, Circuit, and High Court Judges dealing with:

- ▶ Child Arrangements Orders
- ▶ Prohibited Steps Orders
- ▶ Specific Issue Orders in respect of schooling / foreign holidays / relocation
- ▶ Cases of an intractable and/or complex nature
- ▶ Finding of Fact Hearings

Jack has successfully applied for and resisted applications for Non-Molestation and Occupation Orders both ex-parte and inter-partes at Final Hearing in cases which involve allegations of serious domestic violence and sexual abuse.

Jack also has experience of, and a particular interest in dealing with cases in the High Court which involve the recovery of absconding parents and missing children within the UK and outside of the jurisdiction. He has experience of obtaining third party disclosure orders, Location and Collection Orders, Tipstaff Directions, Wardship, and of committal proceedings. Jack is happy to provide advice by telephone at short notice in these cases.

Divorce & Financial Remedy

Jack has a particular interest in and significant experience of financial remedy proceedings, this having been the focus of his pupillage under Nick Miller. Jack is regularly instructed to attend first appointments, financial dispute resolution appointments, and final hearings. He also has recent experience of conducting appeals.

Jack's cases frequently involve complex business assets, trusts, inherited wealth, pensions, and foreign assets.

He also advises on and represents clients at interlocutory hearings such as: Section 37 applications and maintenance pending suit/legal services payment order applications.

Jack welcomes the opportunity to advise in conference during the early stages of proceedings.

Whilst less common, Jack also has experience of contested divorce proceedings heard in Open Court.

Recommendations

"He is extremely well-prepared and approachable. He provides realistic advice, and is always willing to go the extra mile for a client."

LEGAL 500, 2022
FAMILY AND CHILDREN LAW

"Jack is enthusiastic and has an excellent client manner. He narrows down the key issues swiftly and works very hard to reach an amicable settlement while never forgetting the clients' objectives. He is tenacious in his approach, leaving clients reassured and fully supported."

CHAMBERS UK, 2021
FAMILY/MATRIMONIAL

"Good on his feet and great with clients."

LEGAL 500, 2021
FAMILY AND CHILDREN LAW

"Highlighted for his strong work across a range of family matters. 'He's able to cut to the main issues and the nub of the problem in a practical way. He's good on his feet in cross-examination and when addressing the judge.' 'His advice to clients is clear and concise, and covers all of the possible outcomes. He's a very competent advocate, and a safe pair of hands to pass cases on to."

CHAMBERS UK, 2020
FAMILY/MATRIMONIAL

"Good on his feet and great with clients."

LEGAL 500, 2020
FAMILY AND CHILDREN LAW

"Very good with clients and an extremely good advocate"; "A safe pair of hands for any family dispute"; "He has very good client care skills and an understated but highly persuasive form of advocacy"

CHAMBERS UK, 2019
FAMILY/MATRIMONIAL

Professional Memberships

- ▶ The Honourable Society Of Lincoln' S Inn
- ▶ The Family Law Bar Association
- ▶ Bar Pro Bono Unit
- ▶ The Western Circuit

Qualifications & awards:

- ▶ LLB Hons (Queen Mary, University Of London); First Class
- ▶ BPTC (The City of Law School): Outstanding.

Additional information:

Jack is originally from Devon and moved to London to undertake his legal education and training. After reading law at Queen Mary, University of London, Jack joined the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn and undertook the BPTC at The City Law School. Jack returned to the West Country to undertake his pupillage at St John's Chambers in October 2013 under the supervision of Nick Miller, Dianne Martin, and Zoe Saunders. Upon successful completion of his pupillage Jack accepted an offer of Tenancy in October 2014.

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