

# **GEORGE PATERSON**



George Paterson Year of Call: 2023 <u>clerks@4bc.co.uk</u> 020 7832 3200 Practice Areas:
Care Proceedings
Child Arrangements
Domestic Violence &
Injunctions
Financial Remedies
Matrimonial Finance and
Divorce

'I have instructed George for all family matters including injunctions, children matters (including Schedule 1) and financial remedy. George is pragmatic and knowledgeable and takes a 'hands on' approach to his work. He is able to build a trusting relationship with clients and solicitors alike. George is definitely one to watch in the financial remedy field!.' Susie Packer, Tier 1 Family Law Firm (2024)

#### **About**

George joined chambers as a Third Six Pupil in November 2024, and accepted tenancy in February 2025.

George successfully completed pupillage at a leading set in Liverpool, where he gained experience in financial remedies, private law children, and public law children. George graduated from the University of Liverpool with a degree in Law, having spent a year abroad studying at the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. He completed the BPC at the University of Law in London and graduated with a Very Competent grade.

He welcomes instructions in all Children Act matters, both public and private law, Domestic Abuse cases and Financial Remedies.

### **Practice Overview**

### **Private Children Law**

George represents parents, intervenors, and Rule 16.4 guardians in private law proceedings. His caseload often includes issues such as domestic abuse, alienating behaviours, substance misuse, and mental health concerns. The emotionally charged nature of his caseload means that George is often praised for his reassuring manner with clients.

He is frequently instructed in relocation applications, and has appeared in the High Court in relation to an application for temporary leave to remove.

# **Public Children Law**

George is regularly instructed by parents, local authorities, and guardians in public law proceedings. He has experience in complex cases, including those involving non-accidental injuries, threshold findings, and capacity issues.

# **Financial Remedies**

George manages a variety of financial remedy instructions, and regularly represents client's from FDA

through to Final Hearing. George has been instructed on cases involving international elements, non-disclosed assets and schedule 1 applications.

Notably, George appeared for the successful respondent in the reported case of FI v DO [2024] EWFC 384 (B), a landmark case that examined the treatment of family pets in the division of matrimonial chattels and prompted widespread debate in the press amongst policy makers.

### **Client Testimonials**

'I found him absolutely brilliant. Briefed me before he went in, filled me with confidence and then updated me promptly once finished. Couldn't have asked for more.' – **Client Feedback**, **2025** 

He is a lovely, wonderful advocate. The client was really happy. He is very client focussed, empathetic, and dealt with the matter swiftly. He provided his expertise on the case, was approachable and friendly, and stayed for quite some time to talk with the client about her situation, which no doubt made her feel really comfortable. – **Solicitor Feedback, 2024** 

The client wishes to express that they found your Counsel to be "absolutely outstanding." – **Solicitor Feedback**, **2024** 

'I just wanted to say what an absolute pleasure it was working with you. I can't even begin to express my appreciation and gratitude for your support.

Not only is your manner towards clients outstanding, the positive feedback and reassurance you provided your client, in an extremely difficult situation, was impressive and transformational. It meant so much to us, to have someone understand the situation, and be invested in the outcome of the case.' – **Client Feedback**, **2024** 

#### **Education**

University of Liverpool (LLB)

University of Paris I: Panthéon-Sorbonne

University of Law (BTC) - Very Competent

### **Memberships**

**FLBA** 

**Inner Temple** 

Northern Circuit

Cases

FI v DO [2024] EWFC 384 (B)