

# Victoria Wilson – Joint Head of Chambers

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Victoria practises in family law. She is a skilful, effective advocate and inspires complete confidence due to her total command of the issues in every case.

She is often commended for *“the calm, clear and courteous way in which she has represented her client’s interests”* (C v C judgment, 2018). The A v A judgment (2022) stated that *“The court is indebted to Miss Wilson for her industry, professionalism and helpful submissions in a case where emotions continue to run high”*.

Victoria is again highly recommended as a Junior in the 2025 edition of *Chambers and Partners* in the category of Family: Matrimonial Finance (Band 4) – *“Victoria is a very level headed barrister, who is a good cross-examiner. Respected by judges, she gets on very well with opponents. which helps cases run smoothly;”* *“You can count on her to develop great arguments and deliver the best possible outcome for the client.”* In the 2024 edition she was ranked in Band 4 also – *Co-head of Goldsmith Chambers Victoria Wilson handles complex factual and legal matrimonial finance cases, a number of which are international in nature; “A great cross-examiner, she can turn a hopeless case into a very well-matched fight as a consequence of her brilliant advocacy.”; “Highly recommended for her excellent ability to manage client expectations and obtain desired outcomes.”*

Victoria is also ranked as a Leading Junior tier 4 in the 2025 edition of *Legal 500* in Family: Divorce and Financial Remedy: *“Victoria is an excellent barrister and a real credit to her profession. She works very hard and is marvellous at preparing her cases thoroughly.”*

She has been nominated as an Inspiring Woman Lawyer, and a profile of her contribution to law will be added to a project website hosted by the Oxford Faculty of Law. The project aims to create an oral history of inspiring women lawyers which will be lodged in the Sound Archive of the British Library as a national resource.

She was one of just a small group of barristers across England and Wales to be selected for the inaugural Bar Council Leadership Programme 2020 – 2021, with a view to facilitating a powerful network of new leaders to drive forward a positive, open and inclusive culture across the Bar.

She regularly trains students, pupils and new practitioners, and is often invited to deliver lectures and appear as a guest speaker on webinars and podcasts relating to the law. She organises and chairs the Family Law Bar Association

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("FLBA") Autumn Lecture Series for the whole of the Family Bar.

She is a mentor for many barristers at different stages of their careers, including student barristers, pupils and those returning to the Bar after a leave of absence.

She was appointed as Master of the Bench of Gray's Inn in July 2022.

Victoria is also a family mediator and the co-author of the England and Wales chapter in *The Variegated Landscape of Mediation: a Comparative Study of Mediation Regulation and Practices in Europe and the World* (Manon Schonewille and Dr Fred Schonewille [eds.], The Hague, Eleven International Publishing 2014).

She was the elected 2020 Chair of the Wellbeing at the Bar Working Group which carries out work on behalf of all barristers, clerks and staff in England and Wales. She is the Chair of the FLBA Wellbeing Subcommittee, in which role she organises seminars with psychologists, psychotherapists and members of the judiciary as guest speakers. She recently gave an interview to LawBore about her involvement with both those roles which can be found here: <https://blog.lawbore.net/2020/10/the-lawbore-mental-health-and-wellbeing-interviews-victoria-wilson/>

In October 2020 she was appointed as a LawCare champion in recognition of her ongoing contribution towards promoting good mental health and wellbeing in the legal community.

Her articles include *Our Wellbeing Stock*, Counsel Magazine, 2020, and *Wellbeing: What Has Happened And Where Are We Now?*, Family Affairs, 2020, and *Resolutions To Thrive By*, Counsel Magazine, 2021.

## Family

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Victoria practises principally in financial remedy and private law children cases, including cases with international elements and those involving significant factual and legal complexity.

### Notable Cases

- *W v W* (2024): secured an excellent result for a client in complex, longstanding Children Act proceedings which involved exceptionally high levels of emotional abuse.
- *N v M* (2023): a particularly unusual financial remedy case which required especially detailed advocacy and analysis in relation to the expert evidence on valuation and taxation issues.
- *A v A* (2022): Children Act proceedings in which Victoria's cross-examination led to the court making findings that there had been marital rape, and that one of the incidents of rape had resulted in the conception of the subject child.
- *B v B* (2022): Victoria achieved an exceptional result for the client in financial remedy proceedings involving inherited property and multi-million-pound companies in the post-Covid and post-Brexit landscape.
- *Y v M* (2021): a successful and notable case involving a child with very complex needs and the Article 6 rights of a parent who sought to challenge the psychiatric recommendation that they did not have the capacity to conduct proceedings.
- *B v B & B* (2020): complex private child law proceedings involving child abduction, deception as to maternity, and the resumption of pre-abduction familial relationships in the face of implacable hostility. Victoria secured the reunification of a parent with their abducted child.
- *D v G* (2019): an excellent outcome representing a spouse in a financial remedy case involving financial misconduct, various companies and the transfer of substantial shareholdings.

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- *L v P & P* (2019): cross-applications to vary a child arrangements order concerning a child with serious health issues. Achieved a change in residence for the client.
- *M v P & M* (2018): represented a grandparent in their last-resort application for a child arrangements order and succeeded in re-establishing their relationship with their grandchildren.
- *M v M* (2018): represented a parent in a long fact-finding hearing and their serious allegations of extreme domestic abuse were found proved in their entirety.
- *P v P* (2017): financial remedy proceedings in which Victoria's cross-examination resulted in a spouse admitting that they had lied about being a bigamist.
- *B v T* (2015): obtained extensive contact for a parent in circumstances where the child's medical condition and numerous allegations were cited as reasons for there being no contact at all.
- *L v L* (2011): financial remedy proceedings with conduct issues and an international element where 100% of the assets were awarded to Victoria's client at the final hearing.
- *S v S & M* (2009): obtained a declaration of parentage for the mother where the father had died before the child was born, and his family did not know of the mother's existence.
- *Re B (Residence Order)* [2007] All ER (D) 280 (Feb) FD (Hogg J): successfully opposed the father's appeal against the making of a residence order.

## Appointments

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- Deputy District Judge (South Eastern Circuit)
- Master of the Bench, Gray's Inn
- Master of Finance, Gray's Inn
- Advocacy, EDI and Ethics Trainer, Gray's Inn
- Vice Chair of Outreach (Universities), Gray's Inn
- Approved Pupil Supervisor
- FLBA Education Officer
- 2020 Chair of the Wellbeing at the Bar Working Group
- Chair of the FLBA Wellbeing Subcommittee
- LawCare Champion
- Gray's Inn Mentor
- Bridging the Bar Mentor

## Memberships

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- Family Law Bar Association
- Gray's Inn

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