

Nigel Cholerton
(2007) Barrister

Specialist Areas

Private Law Children: Residence and Contact

Family: Finance

Chancery and Commercial

Out of Court Solutions (NCDR)



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Who is Nigel Cholerton?

Nigel first qualified as a solicitor in 2004. Thereafter he gained Higher Rights of Audience in 2005 and was then called to the Bar in 2007 (Lincolns Inn). Nigel enjoys a busy practice in all matters concerning Family law with a focus on matrimonial finance, children, inheritance and cohabitation settlements involving the application of TOLATA. Nigel is highly regarded for finding resolution in seemingly intractable disputes. His clients include high net worth individuals and complex cases involving children following separation.

Nigel strikes a balance between empathy and impartiality, applying a constructive methodology while recognising confusion and distress where they exist. He provides a protected environment where the parties can take time to arrive at a fair settlement which will release them from deadlock.

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No.18 Chambers is a distinguished set of barristers based in Southampton, recognised for its strong reputation and presence across the South Coast of England. Our expertise cover a range of practice areas, including Family Law (Care Proceedings and Adoption, Private Law Children, Matrimonial Finance), Employment, Chancery and Commercial Law, Property Disputes, together with Dispute Resolution and Mediation. Our members are committed to delivering expert legal advice and representation to clients nationwide, offering extensive experience in handling both complex and sensitive matters.



Legal Expertise

For more information or to get in touch with Nigel please contact the clerks room who will be happy to assist you.

Private Law Children: Residence and Contact

Private Law Children: Contact and Residence Disputes Under the Children Act 1989

Nigel undertakes all forms of private law children work across all stages of proceedings and is regularly instructed in cases involving arrangements for children following separation, such as living arrangements, time spent with both parents and relationships with the broader family, including grandparents. As a member of our Family team to appear he appears in all levels of hearings from interim hearings through to multi-day findings of fact and final hearings. Nigel regularly represents parents in intractable contact & residence disputes, including Child Arrangement Orders, Specific Issue (such as schooling and removal from the jurisdiction, and enforcement), Prohibited Steps Orders and proceedings where a Guardian has been appointed. He has particular expertise in cases where there are complex allegations of high-risk domestic abuse, parent alienation as well as application for leave to remove children within the UK and internationally.

Domestic Violence & Injunctions

Nigel frequently represents clients who are involved in Family Law Act 1996 proceedings. He has extensive experience in applications for non-molestation orders and occupation orders, from without notice hearings through to fact findings and final hearing, including where those applications are linked to Children Act 1989 proceedings. Nigel is more than aware of the sensitivity that can be attached to these proceedings when acting for either parent and he has significant experience in dealing with sensitive matters for both parents.

Family: Finance

Divorce & Separation

Nigel has extensive experience in matrimonial proceedings and is often instructed in cases involving intervening third party interests and hidden assets where his meticulous and forensic approach is of particular benefit. His recent cases have involved complex finances involving multiple properties, complex and sensitive company disputes, internationally held assets, pensions and also enforcement of declarations of trusts. Nigel focuses on providing considered, clear and practical advice from the outset. He is effective in achieving results through negotiation and in court. He regularly provides advice on settlements and also advises on interim remedies, section 27 application and Barder appeals.

Nigel represents unmarried couples in property disputes under the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996, he is also instructed in applications for financial provision under Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989 and in Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975 claims.



Legal Expertise Continued

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Cohabitation including Trusts of Land & Appointment of Trustees Act 1996

Nigel has extensive experience in a variety of civil matters. For matters involving cohabitation disputes of land Nigel is frequently instructed to provide written advice and also attend conferences on complex matters of trusts. He has a particular interest in trusts and the law of equity and has been instructed on various complex matters. More about Cohabitation including Trusts of Land & Appointment of Trustees Act 1996

Inheritance Act Claims

Nigel's experience has also seen him provide written advice on matters of inheritance and contested probate. His family law and civil law experience has naturally seen such instructions.

Chancery and Commercial

Traditional Chancery

Inheritance Act claims

Out of Court Solutions (NCDR)

Private FDR

Single Joint Advices/Early Neutral Evaluation

Round Table Meetings/Joint Conferences

Merits, Advice, Drafting And Support Package



Professional Info

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Qualifications

Derby University (BA (Hons))

Nottingham Trent University PGDL

Nottingham Trent University LPC

Membership

Western Circuit

Personal Info

Outside of work Nigel is a classically trained pianist, enjoys chess and spending time with his family.



Cases of Note

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Nigel Cholerton, barrister at No.18 Chambers, is known for his expertise in family law, handling complex care proceedings, financial remedies, and children disputes. He represents a wide range of clients, including parents and local authorities, and is recognised for his clear advocacy and strong legal insight. His work often features in legally significant and high-stakes cases including:

CC v LC [2023] EWFC 52

QQ v CC & Ors [2022] EWHC 2910 (Fam)

Re : L (FACT-FINDING HEARING: FAIRNESS) [2022] EWCA Civ 169

K & KT (Children)[2014] EWCA Civ 1211



Reviews

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Recommended for advising on both financial remedy and care proceedings (Tier 2) - *Legal 500*

We have regularly instructed Nigel on financial matters. We are always impressed by how quickly he grasps the essence of a matter and his relaxed, yet professional manner. - *Emma Sanders K J Smith*

'Nigel is a committed barrister who takes pride in delivering the best case possible by always putting the client's needs first. He takes time to explain thoroughly the legal process; he constantly puts a client's mind at ease; and is not shy to be robust when a case needs it.' (Tier 2) - *Legal 500*

Nigel is a determined, effective advocate. He is always thoroughly well-prepared - *Legal 500*

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Very experienced in a broad range of family law matters - *Legal 500*

He thinks outside the box to conceive new ideas - *Legal 500*

He thinks outside the box and has a real passion for the work he undertakes - *Legal 500*

Nigel is an excellent advocate. His preparation is exemplary and he has a very good manner with clients, immediately putting them at ease. Nigel's attention to detail and his preparation set him apart. - *Legal 500*

Nigel is a determined, effective advocate. His style allows for a firm stance where necessary, with an emotional and practical approach required in family proceeding - *Legal 500*

His easy and confident manner helps put clients at ease. - *Legal 500*
