



# Holly Symonds

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**Year of call: 2017**

## **Areas of Practice**

Family

Holly takes instructions in all areas of family work but has a particular interest in family finances, private children and domestic violence.

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## FAMILY FINANCES

Holly has successfully acted at all stages from initial advice to multi-day final hearings in applications under the MCA 1973, Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act 1984 (foreign divorces), TOLATA 1996 and Children Act Sch. 1. Her cases often involve the treatment of pensions (including Armed Forces Pensions), business assets and parallel Children Act Proceedings. She is able to give robust advice to clients when it is in their best interests but is also sensitive to more vulnerable clients. Whatever the client's situation, Holly always prides herself on having an excellent bedside manner.

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## PRIVATE CHILDREN

Holly has very significant experience in applications under the Children Act. Since pupillage, she has been regularly instructed in multi-day Fact-Finding hearings involving allegations of serious physical abuse, sexual violence and other forms of abuse. When such risks aren't present, Holly will endeavour to reach settlement at an early stage where possible.

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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

It is important to Holly to maintain a practice that helps some of the most vulnerable clients that family lawyers have. Holly has vast experience representing clients in applications for non-molestation orders, occupation orders and transfers of tenancy. She will always go the extra mile to make herself

approachable and a true champion for clients who find themselves in challenging circumstances.

Holly is happy to accept instructions as sole counsel or as junior counsel in a team of barristers.

In April 2020, Holly will take up a secondment as a judicial assistant in the Family Division of the High Court.

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## EDUCATION

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LL.B UCL

LL.M UCL

BPTC BPP

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## MEMBERSHIP

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Inner Temple

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