

ARBITRATION SEMINAR

OUR SPEAKERS



Chris Pocock

Chris Pocock Chris specialises in divorce and matrimonial finance in disputes between high net worth parties. He has a wealth of experience dealing with complexities involving corporate and other businesses and/or complex remuneration packages, as well as with cases involving offshore and onshore trust and other asset-holding structures. He was one of the first silks to qualify as an arbitrator under the IFLA Arbitration scheme, and sits on the IFLA Advisory Committee, which advises the IFLA Board on policy, eligibility, and rules, as well as training for arbitrators.



David Walden-Smith

David Walden-Smith David is a financial remedy specialist. Called to the bar in 1985, he has been a member of 29 Bedford Row since 2004. He qualified as an IFLA Financial Remedies Arbitrator in 2012 and has conducted many arbitrations since. These have ranged from multi-day hearings involving counsel on both sides - so full trial-like hearings - to limited issue arbitrations determined on the basis of written submissions only. He is described in Chambers & Partners 2020 as “just superb and a tremendous arbitrator.”



Claire Heppenstall

Claire Heppenstall Claire is one of a small number of arbitrators qualified to deal with both children and financial remedy disputes. Claire’s practice is divided between Private Children Law and Financial Remedies work. She also has particular expertise in dealing with Schedule 1 claims (financial provision for children of unmarried couples) and also advising and representing clients in relation to child support issues. Chambers UK 2020 notes that Claire “cuts through to the issues really quickly and has excellent advocacy skills.”



Gavin Smith

Gavin Smith Gavin is a barrister at 1 Hare Court, and an experienced family arbitrator, mediator and private FDR judge. He was the arbitrator in *S v S* [2014] EWHC 7 (Fam), *DB v DLJ* [2016] EWHC 324 (Fam) and *BC v BG* [2019] EWFC 7. Gavin co-edits *At A Glance* and *@eGlance* and co-writes *Financial Remedies Practice*. He was appointed a Deputy District Judge in March 2019.



Rhys Taylor

Rhys Taylor Rhys is a barrister, arbitrator and mediator at The 36 Group, London. He specialises in financial remedy and TOLATA/cohabitation cases. He is a Bencher of the Inner Temple and a member of the Bar Council ADR panel. He was a lead member of the Pension Advisory Group, co-author of *Pensions on Divorce: A Practitioner’s Handbook* (3rd edition, 2018) and a contributor to Resolution’s “Cohabitation Claims” (2nd edition, 2019). He has published numerous articles on family and property law and lectured the Judicial College on pensions on divorce. He was counsel for the Defendant in *Dobson v Griffey* [2018] EWHC 1117 (Ch).



Stephen Smith

Stephen Smith Stephen initially worked in financial services before qualifying as a solicitor 25 years ago and for the past 18 years has focused on family law and, particularly, Financial Remedy cases. Stephen is a trained collaborative lawyer.