



New Park Court

**Date:** 10 July 2025

**Time:** 4.30 pm – 6.30 pm

**Place:** Dakota Hotel (Tyne Suite),  
112 Quayside, Newcastle, NE1 3DX

# Family Private Law Children & Financial Orders Update Seminar

Hosted by Newcastle Upon Tyne Law Society  
and in association with New Park Court Chambers

## Valerie Sterling

Year of call 1981



### Private Law Children: Case Law Update 2025

Valerie Sterling, Head of the New Park Court Chambers Family Team, will focus on recent private law children cases, addressing challenging and interesting aspects including internal and international relocation, fact-finding hearings, the Pilot Scheme and private law reform/Pathfinder.

Valerie has a national reputation for representing her clients with skill, sensitivity, and empathy. Her family barrister practice covers the full range of family law, including finance, private law children cases, and public law care cases. Valerie has in-depth skills in private law Children Act proceedings involving complex and intractable residence and contact disputes, Prohibited Steps Orders, Specific Issue Orders, applications to relocate both internally and internationally, and Article 15 Brussels ii. She is recognised for her thorough approach to difficult and sensitive family situations, such as child abduction and international relocation.

## Sally Terris

Year of call 1997



### Financial Orders: Case Law Update 2025

Sally Terris will provide attendees with resource materials encompassing an up-to-date survey of developments in case law in respect of current issues in matrimonial finance work.

Sally is known for her straightforward approach even in the most complex of cases. A fearless cross-examiner and a strong all-rounder, recommended for her expertise in complex financial remedy cases, children act cases, trusts of land and inheritance act matters. Sally is a fine example of an advocate who masters the most complex of facts and gives clear, realistic advice. She is instructed in a wide range of family trust cases, including TOLATA, and ancillary relief matters, as well as Children Act cases. Many of Sally's cases, both property and children, have a cultural or international element, and she is frequently asked for advice and representation in cases of third-party interests, multiple properties and family businesses, farms and pensions.

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## Private Law Children: Case Law Update 2025

### Particular consideration will be given to:

- Internal relocation: *Re A and I (Children: Appeal: Relocation and joint lives-with orders: Fresh Evidence (2025) 1 FLR 407 Henke J.* Domestic abuse and appeal from refusal by Circuit Judge to allow relocation (from London to another part of England) - and from shared care order: *FPR 2010, Part 30, PD 12 J.*
- International relocation: *G v H (Relocation Australia: immigration issues) (2024) EWFC 230 (B)* – Circuit judge allowed mother's permanent move back home to Australia with child, which was opposed by the father. *Re D and E (Children: Assessment and Management of Risk) (2025) 1 FLR 505 Henke J.* Contact, parental responsibility, assessment and management of 'risk', and section 91 (14) Children Act 1989 prohibiting further applications:
- Essential case law for fact-finding hearings: *B v B (Domestic Abuse: Fact-Finding) (2022) EWHC 108 (Fam)* – useful to consider the evidence of domestic abuse in clusters, which shows whether patterns of behaviour emerge. *Re H-N (2021) EWCA Civ 448* & approach to fact finding exercise – need for the court to focus on the wider context of whether there has been a pattern of coercive and controlling behaviour as opposed to a list of specific factual incidents that are tied to a particular date and time. *Re JK (A Child) (Domestic Abuse: Finding of Fact hearing) FD 21.5.2021 Poole JPD 36Z Pilot Scheme & private law reform/Pathfinder.* 'Terminology of the section 8 order' *AZ v BX (2024) EWHC 1528 (Fam) Poole J* – not 'label litigation'- each case turns on its own facts and child's welfare paramount – increased tendency of the court to coin 'shared lives with' orders rather than one party only having a 'lives with' order?

## Financial Orders: Case Law Update 2025

### Particular consideration will be given to:

- *Standish v. Standish UKSC/2024/0089.* This significant recent case involves the so-called 'matrimonialisation' of assets despite legal title or 'pre-acquired' status and will prove highly influential in current practice.
- *HO v TL [2023] EWFC 215.* Business valuation and 'matrimonialisation'. This 2023 case still provides persuasive authority and guidance on the available methods of business valuation but also has relevance for 'matrimonialisation' issues.
- *TW v GC [2024] EWHC 949 (Fam);* and *SP v. AL [2024] EWFC 72 (B).* Pensions: needs or sharing? When should pension assets acquired outwith the marriage window be 'matrimonialised'?

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