

## Judith Fordham

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### Clerks' Details

 Rachel Williams  
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### Appointments

- Deputy District Judge
- Qualified Arbitrator
- Trained collaborative counsel

### Memberships

- FLBA
- IFLA
- Resolution (Associate Member)

### Beyond the Bar

Judith enjoys modern jive, salsa and world music. She is a trustee at a Liverpool Arts Centre. Other than that she likes doing family stuff, fashion and cooking.

### Practice Overview

Judith practises exclusively in family work and is head of the Family Department at Exchange Chambers. She specialises in matrimonial finance, dealing with cases of high value and with complex assets involving forensic issues.

Her areas of expertise include:

- Financial relief in divorce
- Schedule 1 Children Act 1989
- Civil partnership disputes
- Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975 claims
- Professional negligence in family law
- ADR
- Private FDRs

Her practice includes dealing with private limited companies and all other corporate scenarios including cases involving management buyouts and the complexity of the manner in which the sale is achieved. She has established relationships with accountancy and tax experts.

Judith undertakes private FDRs which utilise her experience at the bar and as a Deputy District Judge.

Her experience covers almost any area of employment or self-employment of her clients including restaurant groups, manufacturing companies, farming, agencies, the legal profession, the medical profession, architects, property developers etc.

Judith is recognised for her understanding of financial complexities and how to navigate her clients through what are often stressful times. She is highly sought after with instructing solicitors who need an advocate who has an in-depth understanding of family law and who will fight hard to ensure the best outcome.

## Recommendations

“Judith Fordham is a long-time campaigner who knows this area of law back to front.”  
**Chambers and Partners 2023**

“She is hugely experienced, well prepared and is willing to go the extra mile. She is a force to be reckoned with in the courtroom.”

“Judith is incredibly approachable and knows how to handle difficult clients very well.”  
**Chambers and Partners 2022**

“She is not fazed by anything and always strives to get to a sensible resolution.”

“She is always well prepared from a technical point of view but equally is fine-tuned to the commercial needs which can dictate the client’s priority in a negotiation.”  
**Chambers and Partners 2021**

“She is a great advocate. She’s brilliant on her feet, she’s knowledgeable, and her instincts are bang on the money.”

“She is completely unflappable.”  
**Chambers and Partners 2020**

“Best known for her excellent negotiation skills. She takes a pragmatic approach and is a robust advocate.”

“Reassuring, user-friendly, persuasive and practical.”  
**Chambers and Partners 2019**

“A formidable advocate, who is certainly someone you would like on your side. She is a tough negotiator with a certain flair. She is great on high-value complicated financial matters.”  
**Chambers and Partners 2018**

“Very competent and thorough practitioner known for her tenacious approach to her cases.”

“Highly experienced and very well respected.”  
**Chambers and Partners 2017**

“Her advice is always spot-on with a constructive direction in a case.”

“She is very senior, experienced and hugely capable.”  
**Chambers and Partners 2016**

Fans appreciate her “smooth negotiation skills and her knack of cutting right to the pertinent issues.”

“She has vast and varied experience of financial cases including expertise in cohabitation claims and inheritance cases.”

**Chambers and Partners 2012**

“Tenacious and effective on her feet.”

**Chambers and Partners 2011**

“Judith is very experienced and uses that experience to tactical advantage in a case. She is highly reassuring to clients and instils confidence in her approach. She presents well and concisely to the judiciary, which is an advantage when court time is scarce. She has excellent knowledge of businesses and accounts and is also great with clients.”

**The Legal 500 2023**

‘Judith is a very good negotiator, who has considerable patience in dealing with clients. Judith puts their case forward in a very succinct way. She is well respected by other professionals including Judges. She is always well prepared for her conferences and court hearings. Judith also attends family lawyer seminar helping to train other lawyers.’

**The Legal 500 2022**

“Mrs Fordham is an excellent negotiator and has sound and measured judgement. She sits part time as a Deputy District Judge and her ability to weigh up and consider options is finely honed.”

**The Legal 500 2021**

“An extremely experienced and accomplished negotiator.”

**The Legal 500 2020**

“She specialises in matrimonial finance cases.”

**The Legal 500 2018/19**

“She combines strength with empathy.”

**The Legal 500 2017**

“Excellent with clients, and she receives well-deserved respect from her opponents and judges.”

**The Legal 500 2016**

“She is impressive, and fights her corner when proceedings are contested.”

**The Legal 500 2015**

“Specialises in matrimonial finance cases involving complex or high-value assets.”

**The Legal 500 2014**

“Perceptive, feisty in the right cases, solution focused and approachable” and is  
“recommended for high value ancillary relief cases.”

**The Legal 500 2011**

“At the top of the top of the shortlist for financial work.”

**The Legal 500 2010**