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Katherine Couper is a specialist family barrister, who maintains a diverse practice spanning children and finance work.

She is qualified to accept instructions under the **Direct Access** scheme.

Expertise

Private Law Children

Katherine's practice encompasses a wide range of child arrangement disputes, internal and external relocation, Family Law Act applications (including forced marriage), specific issue conflicts, and FGM protection orders. She has had several high profile successes in securing change of residence for children who have been the subjects of parental alienation.

Katherine has particular expertise in applications under the Hague Convention concerning international child abduction. Before coming to the Bar, she worked in the child abduction team of a pre-eminent London solicitors' firm.

Financial Remedy / Cohabitation

Katherine appears and advises in cases involving a wide-range of issues, including Schedule 1 provision and disputes between cohabitantes relating to Trusts of Land. She is praised for her straightforward and pragmatic advice.

Katherine is often instructed to advise on non-litigious matters, including the drafting of pre and post-nuptial agreements.

Public Law Children

Katherine has broad experience acting for local authorities, parents and children, including in the areas of non-accidental injury, substance misuse, domestic violence, and international placements. She has particular experience dealing with disputes involving international jurisdictional issues.

Awards

- Sir Joseph Cantley Scholar, Middle Temple
- Cohen Scholarship, BPP Law School

Qualifications

- BPTC (distinction), BPP Law School
- GDL (distinction), BPP Law School
- BA Hons, University of Manchester

Professional Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association
- Middle Temple

Privacy Policy

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To protect the vital interests of a data subject or another person
Compliance with a legal obligation

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- Pupil or mini pupil, under my training;
- Opposing Counsel, for the purposes of resolving the case;
- My Chambers management and staff who provide administrative services;
- My regulator or legal advisors in the event of a dispute or other legal matter;
- Law enforcement officials, government authorities, or other third parties to meet our legal obligations;
- Any other party where I ask you and you consent to the sharing.

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- I am legally required to; or
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