

Partner

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Education: University of Cambridge, M.A., M.Phil

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Year joined: 1981

Year became partner: 1987



Overview

Diana is typically instructed in circumstances of family breakdown where there are complex financial issues or an international dimension.

"She is listed as one of five 'star individuals' by Chambers and Partners 2012 Directory which commented in 2011 that she is 'known for her excellent judgment and fearless litigation'. In 2012 Chambers reported one source as saying 'she is the absolute best in the country'. Spears Wealth Management 2010 reported that she provides 'excellent value for money'."

Highlights

Although Diana's reputation is built around negotiating tailor-made financial settlements out of Court and at an early juncture, some of her clients have featured in reported cases, including the House of Lords decision in *Miller and McFarlane* in 2006 and the Court of Appeal cases of *Marano*, *Vaughan and Tchenguiz Imerman*, all in 2010. Both *Miller* and *Tchenguiz Imerman* were ground breaking cases that changed the shape of Family Law in England.

Publications and speaking engagements

Diana co-authored the leading text for practitioners "Practical Matrimonial Precedents" and has regular speaking engagements on Family Law topics.

Memberships

Resolution and International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers .

On a personal note

Diana co-founded the Family Mediators Association in the mid-1980s to extend the ambit of mediation to include finances as well as child related issues. From January 1999 to 30 June 2007 Diana was Chairman of the firm whilst still maintaining a full caseload. She was the youngest and first woman to be appointed in this role by any of the country's top 100 law firms. Diana is approachable and pragmatic. What she enjoys most about her work is finding solutions swiftly that both of a couple can live with so that their divorce does not feel financially or emotionally ruinous.

