





# **FAMILY LAW UPDATE**

## TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2024 - 14:00 - 17:15

**Registration:** 13.30

Venue: Carlton Hotel, East Overcliff Drive, Bournemouth, Dorset. BH1 3DN

Parking: Please note the entrance to the car park is in Grove Road. There is no charge for

BDLS delegates to park at the hotel - just inform Reception of their car registration

number on arrival.

**Cost**: £50 Solicitor Member; Associate Member; Trainees (Solicitor, Cilex & Apprentices)

£75 Non-Member of BDLS

**Booking Reference: 977** 

**CPD**: 3

**SRA Competence:** B https://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/resources/continuing-competence/cpd/competence-statement/

### College Chambers will be covering the following topics in this Family Law Update:

- 1. Arbitration and ADR in Family Proceedings
  - Arbitration and ADR has been brought into the mainstream for family finance, TLATA and Inheritance Act cases - what's not to like?
- 2. Practical guide for financial remedy hearings
  - When should you use the stick, and are there any carrots? A look into the real-world options for getting the information you need when one party will not provide it.
- 3. The Role of the Guardian at Fact-Finds. The angel or devil brief?
  - How to make sure you are your Guardian's angel at fact-finds.
- 4. Private Child Update
  - Barbie or Oppenheimer....What are the nominees for best private law case of the last 12 months, and who will win the Oscar?



### **Speaker Profiles:**

**ANTHONY HAND** Anthony is head of the Family Children team within chambers (and Head of Chambers), and he handles cases of the greatest complexity. Regularly appears in the High Court. Anthony primarily handles Children Act or adoption work. He is best known for his work in non-accidental injury fact finding, sexual abuse cases, and private law parental alienation cases. Anthony has been ranked as a leading individual in the Legal 500 since 2016.





DEREK MARSHALL Derek qualified as a Civil Dispute Mediator in 2006 and since then has carried out hundreds of mediations in England and abroad, both by private appointment and by Court direction as the nominated Mediator. The parties who attend his mediations are usually (but not always) represented by legal teams and he sees his role as being to actively guide them to a settlement, provide early neutral evaluation where needed and to supervise the recording of the agreement into the form of a binding Court order. In 2012 Derek qualified as a Family Finance Arbitrator under the IFLA scheme and has since then conducted Arbitrations and Private Financial Dispute Resolution Meetings under the scheme. Since qualification as a Family Finance Arbitrator

he has been admitted as a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

**ELIZABETH BOWDEN** Elizabeth's passion is helping people find solutions. Her practice encompasses both family and civil work. She has a natural talent for those areas that cross over, be it Family Finance and the Court of Protection, TOLATA and Family Finance, or Trusts and Wills and Probate.





MOLLY MIFSUD Since becoming a tenant in October 2020 Molly has practised predominantly in Family (Children and Finance) Law. Molly accepts instructions in Public and Private Children matters as well as Financial Remedy and Injunction matters. She also accepts instructions in Education and Court of Protection work. Within the Family Court Molly has been involved in a number of fact-finds including those involving coercive and controlling behaviour which was the topic of her LLM dissertation, "Coercive Control: A Defence?" as well as issues of physical, emotional and psychological abuse. Whilst representing Rule 16.4 Guardians, Molly has been involved with cases including allegations of child abuse and neglect and an external relocation case at a fact-find with live issues including imprisonment and child

abduction. Having dealt with proceedings at all stages from the first to final hearings Molly is alive to evidential issues and approach of the Court and is able to advise on the merits of pursuing such allegations and advocate both for and against findings. At final hearings Molly has dealt with issues such as contact with grandparents, allegations of implacable hostility and arguments of care order vs supervision order and represented foster carers seeking SGOs.

#### Please book online at:

https://www.bournemouthlaw.com/bournemouth-district-law-society-lectures

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