



Jayne Mullen

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Overview

Consistently rated in both Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners, Jayne earned a reputation as a specialist family finance practitioner who is “widely admired, hugely organised and a brilliant advocate.”

Jayne is now solely undertaking Judicial Roles in the Specialist Financial Remedy and Family Court and as a Private FDR “Judge” and Early Neutral Evaluator assisting private clients in resolving their disputes by agreement.

Practice Areas

Family - Finance

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Jayne is regularly instructed in complex high net worth cases, often against QC’s. Recent cases have included:

- Multi-million-pound divorce settlements
- Pre-nuptials
- Off shore trusts

Jayne regularly acts for high net worth individuals with recent clients including CEOs and owners of well-known international companies and banks or their spouses. She also acts in cases involving landed estates and 4th and 5th generation trusts. However, Jayne also takes a particular interest in helping those in need, who have limited assets but whose case warrants more experienced representation.

In addition to the quality of her work and preparation Jayne is highly regarded for her excellent client care, she is praised for “taking the time to understand her client and seeing her role and involvement with the client more than just her brief”.

Commentators report that “she has a really grounded quality so she relates to clients really well. She is very well respected in the court.”

Pragmatic with a commercial approach, Jayne has an eye for detail and is described by her peers as “quite simply a force to be reckoned with.”

Jayne’s work as a Deputy District Judge over many years has provided valuable insight into the way she presents her case to achieve the best outcome.

Notable Cases:

[DR v GR & Ors \[2013\] EWHC 1196 \(Fam\)](#)

[Briers v Briers \[2017\] EWCA Civ 15](#)

Dispute Resolution

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Jayne has taken this step because she believes strongly in Dispute Resolution, whether before the Court at FDR or assisted by their Lawyers and a jointly appointed “Judge” privately. From her experience both as an advocate for 30 years and as a Judge for 18 Jayne is well placed to assist parties to reach such a compromise. In her Private and Court FDRs Jayne takes time to understand each party’s case and what is important to them so that they can, with her assistance, reach a fair solution. That solution can be a simple pragmatic compromise but often it is more complex with Jayne drawing from her experience to suggest more creative options, many of which would not be available to a Judge at a final hearing.

As a Barrister Jayne was regularly instructed in complex high net worth cases, often against QC’s including Multi-million-pound divorce settlements. Jayne has expertise dealing with off shore trusts, landed estates, discretionary trusts, tax avoidance schemes, business valuations and inherited wealth and can offer insight and practical solutions to apparently intractable problems.

In addition to the quality of her work and preparation Jayne is highly regarded for her excellent client care. Jayne is praised in both Legal 500 and Chambers & partners as “Sensible, pragmatic and intelligent ... she combines gravitas with an approachable manner”. She is known for “taking the time to understand her client and seeing her role and involvement with the client more than just her brief” with contributors commenting that “she has a really grounded quality so she relates to clients really well. She is very well respected in the court.” Pragmatic with a commercial approach, Jayne has an eye for detail and is described by her peers as “quite simply a force to be reckoned with.”

Jayne is now well placed to draw on those client care and dispute resolution skills honed over many years as a Barrister and Part Time Judge to assist parties to reach agreement without the stress, anxiety and cost of the full litigation process.

Qualifications

LLB Hons

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association

Recommendations

Legal 500 2022: "A forensically brilliant junior. She is great in court, always thoroughly prepared and provides pragmatic advice."

Chambers and Partners 2021: "Her attention to detail and grasp of the figures is unparalleled." "Jayne is the pre-eminent finance specialist on the circuit. Her strengths are her mathematical abilities, her technical knowledge of case law, her specialist financial remedy expertise and her local knowledge of judges and opponents nationwide."

Legal 500 2021: "Her forensic attention to detail, command of case law and strategy make her a first-class negotiator."

Chambers & Partners 2020: "She is a brilliant strategist and cuts through complex financial issues to get to the heart of an issue." "Jayne is a force to be reckoned with. She is an incredible advocate with fantastic attention to detail and she commands the respect of her peers and the judiciary."

Legal 500 2019: "One of the strongest family finance juniors in the Midlands."

Chambers & Partners 2019: "Very client-friendly and strong tactically." "Sensible, pragmatic and intelligent. She has superb advocacy skills." "She combines gravitas with an approachable manner."

Legal 500 2018: "She has a brilliant legal brain."

Chambers & Partners 2018: "Absolutely first-class. She can match any advocate in the country on financial remedy cases. One of the leading barristers in the country." "Has a wonderfully calm and collected manner coupled with a fine mind and a formidable approach to advocacy."

Legal 500 2017: "She has an excellent bedside manner with clients."

Chambers & Partners 2017: "Arguably the leading ancillary relief barrister in the West Midlands. A wonderfully calm and collected manner coupled with a keen mind and formidable approach to advocacy." "A very experienced, capable barrister. Excellent on financial dispute cases."

Legal 500 2017: "She has an attention to financial detail that is extraordinary."

Chambers & Partners 2016: "She is always my first port of call for big international case and heavyweight work. She is technically very good and has a really grounded quality so she relates to clients really well. She is very well respected in the court." "She really gets to the detail quickly, almost like a surgeon, she cuts to the heart of the case. If there is a deal to be had she will really push for it and if it is clear they will not settle then she is ferocious. Her paperwork is very good and she leaves no stone unturned."

Legal 500 2015: "She has a very good bedside manner and relates to clients from all walks of life."

Chambers & Partners 2015: "Top of the tree in Birmingham, particularly with high-value financial remedy matters with complex accounting. A real powerhouse in complex financial disputes."

Legal 500 2014: "Cuts through all issues and gets to the heart of the matter."

Chambers & Partners 2014: Maintains a strong reputation throughout the Midlands for her work on high asset cases, particularly those complicated by trust issues. "She knows her clients, knows the law, and knows exactly what to do and say to protect her clients' interests. A very sharp advocate who is commercially and emotionally aware." "Jayne is an ancillary relief specialist who combines financial acumen with excellent client care."

Chambers & Partners 2013: Described by peers as “quite simply a force to be reckoned with.” She is praised for “taking the time to understand the client personally, which enables her to represent them with enormous strength.”

Legal 500 2012: Jayne Mullen is “thorough in her approach”.

Chambers & Partners 2012: Having “blossomed into an excellent barrister,” Jayne Mullen specialises in complex and high net worth matrimonial finance matters, increasingly involving farms. “She is right up at the top. Very well thought of by judges, she has very good interpersonal and client care skills,” say sources.

Legal 500 2011: Jayne Mullen “sees her role and involvement with the client to be more than just her brief: she is recommended for financial cases and is particularly strong where there are complex business assets.”

Chambers & Partners 2010: Jayne Mullen acts exclusively in big-money divorces. Both have strong followings, with Mullen being particularly applauded for her “great eye for detail and appealing advocacy.”

Legal 500 2010: Jayne Mullen “pre-eminent in Birmingham for financial work in family proceedings.”

Chambers & Partners 2009: Jayne Mullen maintains a large following, particularly for her ancillary relief work. “She knows what makes judges tick”, according to observers.

Legal 500 2009: Jayne Mullen brings “a pragmatic and commercial approach to complex financial disputes.”

Chambers & Partners 2008: Jayne Mullen impresses the market as “a very sensible barrister who is always well received by the court. She focuses exclusively on ancillary relief, across all asset ranges.”

Legal 500 2008: “Jayne Mullen is strong on financial support, particularly where pension-splitting or family businesses are involved.”

Chambers & Partners 2007: “Specialises in complex and high net worth ancillary relief. She is widely admired as “hugely organised and a brilliant advocate.”

Legal 500 2007: “Jayne Mullen is an excellent choice for divorce where family businesses or complex pension splitting is involved.”

Appointments

Specialist Financial Remedy Judge

Further Information

Head of the Matrimonial Finance Group

Pupil Supervisor

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