

# WESTGATE CHAMBERS



## Laura Buchan

Barrister

*"Laura Buchan has quickly become my "go-to" barrister for both Private Law and Financial Remedy cases. Wonderful to work with, she is friendly, approachable and impeccably prepared, providing sensible and well thought-out advice to clients who appreciate her ability to blend realism with compassion."*

Laura works across every area of Family law. She prides herself on her unique blend of warmth and professionalism which enables her to communicate openly, clearly and effectively with both her instructing solicitors and her lay clients.

### Financial Remedy

Laura is regularly instructed within financial remedy proceedings. She has extensive experience in successfully running conduct, dissipation of assets and applications for freezing injunctions and of matters involving significant personal and financial assets including pensions, businesses and applications for maintenance pending suit and consideration of passive/active growth.

### Private Law/Child Arrangements

With regards to Private Law proceedings, Laura frequently represents parents across the full range of family law issues. She has particular experience in matters involving complex issues of relocation and change of residence, parental alienation, serious domestic abuse allegations.

Laura is often instructed to act for parents, wider family members and the child, through their Guardian.

She has a wealth of experience in representing vulnerable parents with learning difficulties, substance misuse and mental health difficulties and the involvement of 16.4 Guardians.

Year of Call: 2016

#### Core Practice Areas:

Family, Financial Remedy,  
Private Law, Care Proceedings

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### Care Proceedings

Laura is often instructed on behalf of the children Guardian to undertake complicated cases, including lengthy fact-finding hearings and welfare hearing with numerous experts giving evidence and has successfully obtained orders on behalf of a parent that were more beneficial than the professional recommendations.

Laura also has extensive experience in Family Law Act applications.

She has successfully represented parties involved in injunction proceedings for non-molestation orders and occupation orders and recently opposed the making of an occupation order, considered to be a 'backdoor' financial remedy application.

In addition to her Family Law practice and providing training for newly qualified social workers from East Sussex County Council on how to properly prepare well informed and compliant section 7 reports.

### Seminars

Laura provides several seminars per year to Solicitor clients and organisations such as Resolution on Financial Remedies. You can find more information on the seminars that Laura has provided, [here](#).

### Achievements, appointments and memberships

- BPTC: University of the West of England (Outstanding)
- LLB: University of the West of England (2:1)
- Certificate of Honour at The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple (2016)
- ADR Accredited Civil and Commercial Mediator
- Member of Sussex Resolutions
- Joint Head of Pupillage