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Frances is senior partner of Hughes Fowler Carruthers. She is a very senior and highly respected family lawyer, a former Governor at Large of the International Academy of Family Lawyers and former Vice President of the European Chapter of the International Academy of Family Lawyers.

Frances specialises in family law work, including divorce and complex children's cases. She is also a senior mediator. Frances has been a starred lawyer in the Chambers directory and a leading lawyer in the Legal 500 for many years.

Frances is also listed in Tatler Address Book's *Advisory* as founding partner and one of the leading family lawyers in their trusted network of influential and elite private client experts with "gilt-edged" expertise. She is additionally featured in Spear's Family Law Index's 'Top Flight Family Lawyers' list, where she is described as one of the "Queen Bees" in the industry and a "powerhouse of the family law world" and in Citywealth's Leaders List of Top 10 Family & Matrimonial Lawyers.

She has been a member of Resolution (formerly the Solicitors Family Law Association) since its inception. Frances regularly writes and broadcasts on family law issues nationally and internationally. She is a member of The Times law panel and has had an entry in Who's Who for many years.

Frances is consistently recognised by The Legal 500 and Chambers as a leading family lawyer. Chambers UK 2025 reconfirms Frances' ranking as a 'Star Individual', with the guide describing her as "exceptional - a brilliant, fearless lawyer who has excellent instincts." One source highlights that she "deserves her reputation as one of the very finest lawyers in the country. She is a ferocious advocate in defence of her clients and will never give up".

Chambers HNW 2024 describes Frances as "formidable, with extraordinary judgement." She is a "determined litigator" with "uncanny skill in knowing what is the right time to settle and at what amount," highlights a second source. Another enthuses that she "deserves her reputation as one of the very finest lawyers in the country. She is a ferocious advocate in defence of her clients and will never give up."

Chambers UK 2024 commends Frances as "the best solicitor doing this area of law - a complete star", stating that she is a "master tactician. What is consistent about her is that she can win a case that no one else can, because from the get-go she has a strategic vision of where the case will go." A Chambers source comments that she "knows everything and has fantastic experience and judgement."

The Legal 500 UK 2025 reconfirms Frances' ranking in 'The Legal 500 Hall of Fame', praising her expertise in complex divorce cases that involve high-value assets and multiple jurisdictions. The Legal 500 UK 2024 comments that she is the "go-to solicitor for complex financial disputes," with a source enthusing that "she knows how to win." The guide further notes that she is the "pre-eminent practitioner" in family law.

Frances has a keen interest in the arts, is a musician and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

Frances studied English at Oxford University before qualifying as a solicitor in 1981. She set up the family law department at Bates, Wells & Braithwaite in the City in 1983.



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OUR REPORTED CASES

We make every effort to settle cases but if litigation is necessary we are very expert in:

- DR v ES & Ors [2024] EWFC 176
- KV v KV [2024] EWFC 165
- Potanina v Potanin [2024] UKSC 3
- I (A Child) (Relocation: Australia) [2024] EWFC 3 (B)
- BL v OR [2023] EWFC 229
- EK v DK & Ors [2023] EWHC 1829 (Fam)
- Bogolyubova v Bogolyubov & Anor [2023] EWCA Civ 547
- Select KR D v PTL [2023] EWHC 1952 (Fam)
- KR D v PTL [2023] EWHC 1952 (Fam)
- Sofiia Bogolyubova v Gennadiy Bogolyubova [2022] EWFC 199
- WC v HC [2022] EWFC 40
- TR v JM [2022] EWFC 60
- F v M [2022] EWHC 2564 (Fam)
- A v V [2022] EWHC 3501
- DR v ES [2022] EWFC 62
- Crowther v Crowther & Ors (Financial Remedies) [2021] EWFC 88
- Re YP (Adoption of 18 Year Old) [2021] EWHC 3168 (Fam)
- Potanina v Potanin [2021] EWCA Civ 702
- Select Rogan v Rogan [2020] EWFC B32 (OJ)
- Rogan v Rogan [2020] EWFC B32 (OJ)
- Akhmedova v Akhmedov & Ors (Litigation Funding) (Rev 1) [2020] EWHC 1526 (Fam)
- Akhmedova v Akhmedov & Ors [2020] EWHC 2257 (Fam)
- Akhmedova v Akhmedov & Ors [2020] EWHC 2235 (Fam)
- Crowther v Crowther [2020] EWCA Civ 762
- AF v SF [2019] EWHC 1224 (Fam)
- Select Timokhina v Timokhin [2019] EWCA Civ 1284
- W v H [2019] EWFC B19
- Potanin v Potanina [2019] EWHC 2956 (Fam)
- Rogan v Rogan (2019) EWHC 814 (Fam)
- W v H [2019] EWFC B19
- Pierburg v Pierburg [2019] EWFC 24
- Timokhina v Timokhin [2019] EWCA Civ 1284
- AF v SF [2019] EWHC 1224 (Fam)
- MB v TB [2018] EWHC 2035 (Fam)
- Rogan v Rogan [2018] EWHC 2512 (Fam)
- AVR (Children) [2018] EWHC 2771 (Fam)
- Mantegazza v Mantegazza [2017] EWHC 3811 (Fam)
- GvS [2017] EWHC 365 (Fam)
- Bezeliansky v Bezelianskaya [2017] EWCA Civ 76
- MG v FG (Schedule 1 - Application to strike out Estoppel Legal Costs Funding) [2016] EWHC 1964 (Fam)
- Juffali v Juffali [2016] EWHC 1684 (Fam)
- De Renee v Galbraith-Marten [2016] EWCA Civ 537
- TM v AH [2016] EWHC 572 (Fam)
- Estrada v Al-Juffali [2016] EWHC 213 (Fam)
- Al-Juffali v Estrada & Another [2016] EWCA Civ 176
- Work v Gray [2016] EWHC 562 (Fam)
- Work v Gray [2016] EWCA Civ 286
- BD v FD (No 2) [2016] EWHC 594 (Fam)
- Re C (Older Children - Relocation) [2015] EWCA Civ 1298



- WA v Executors of the Estate of HA & Others [2015] EWHC 2233 (Fam)
- Gray v Work [2015] EWHC 834 (Fam)
- Arif v Anwar [2015] EWHC 124 (Fam)
- BD v FD (Maintenance) [2014] EWHC 4443 (Fam)
- Arif v Anwar [2014] EWHC 4669 (Fam)
- Luckwell v Limata [2014] EWHC 1035 (Fam)
- Luckwell v Limata [2014] EWHC 502 (Fam)
- MvW [2014] EWHC 925 (Fam)
- Evans v Evans [2013] EWHC 506 FAM
- Young v Young [2013] EWHC 34 (Fam)
- Tchenguiz-Imerman v Imerman [2013] 3627 (Fam)
- Mohan v Mohan [2013] EWCA Civ 586
- Arif v Anwar & Anor [2013] EWCH 624 (Fam)
- Mohan v Mohan [2013] EWCA Civ 586
- Tchenguiz-Imerman v Imerman [2012] EWCH 4277 (Fam)
- Evans v Evaßns [2012] EWCA Civ 1293
- Sofia Arif v (1) Arif Anwar Zar (2) Raziz Rehan [2012] EWCA Civ 986
- Av (1) B (2) C [2012] EWCA Civ 285
- Vv V [2011] EWHC 1190 (Fam)
- Ilya Golubovich v Elena Golubovich [2011] EWCA Civ 479
- Elena Golubovich v Ilya Golubovich [2011] EWCA Civ 528
- Golubovich v Mirimskaya [2010] EWCA Civ 1519
- Marano v Marano [2010] EWCA Civ 119
- Ahmed v Khan [2010] EWCA Civ 290
- HvH (Financial Relief) [2010] EWHC 158 (Fam) [2010] 1 FLR 1864
- Sally Ann Lykiardopulo (Appellant) v Panaghis Nicholas Fotis Lykiardopulo (Respondent) & Michael Lykiardopulo (Interested Party) [2010] EWCA Civ 1315
- (1) Robert Tchenguiz (2) Vincent Tchenguiz (3) Tim McClean (4) Nouri Obayda (5) Sarosh Zaiwalla v Vivian Imerman: Vivian Saul Imerman v Elizabeth Tchenguiz Imerman [2010] EWCA Civ 908 .
- W v W [2010] EWHC 1843 (Fam)
- Golubovich v Golubovich [2010] EWCA Civ 810
- Elizabeth Tchenguiz Imerman v Vivian Saul Imerman [2010] EWHC 64 (Fam)
- Elizabeth Tchenguiz Imerman v Vivian Saul Imerman [2009] EWHC 3486 (Fam)
- Marano v Marano [2009] EWCA Civ 967
- VvV (Financial Relief) [2009] EWHC 2901 (Fam)
- Iqbal Mubarak v the United Kingdom [2009] ECHR 1437
- Bokor-Ingram v Bokor-Ingram [2009] EWCA Civ 412; [2009] 2 FLR 922
- Mubarak v Mubarak [2008] JRC 136 [2009] 1 FLR 664
- MacLeod v MacLeod (2008) UKPC 64; [2009] 3 WLR 437
- AB V JLB [2008] EWHC 2965 (Fam)
- Alexandra Ella v Yuval Ella & Ors [2008] EWHC 3258 (Ch) . lvi [2008] EWHC 1167 (Fam)
- PvP [2007] EWHC 2877 (Fam)
- Mia Holman v Graham Anthony Kingston Howes [2007] EWCA Civ 877
- Hv H (2007) EWHC 459 (Fam) .Lv (1) L (2) H (a firm) [2007] EWHC 140 (QB)
- Mubarak v Mubarak [2007] EWHC 220 (Fam)
- SvS [2006] EWHC 2793 (Fam)
- Mubarak v Mubarak [2006] EWHC 1260 (Fam)
- Mia Holman v Graham Anthony Kingston Howes [2005] EWHC 2824 (Ch)
- Mark v Mark [2005] UKHL 42; [2005] 2 FLR 1193
- Moore v Moore [2004] EWCA Civ 1243
- Mubarak v Mubarak [2004] EWHC 1158 (Fam); [2004] 2 FLR 932
- Mv M [2004] EWCA Civ 168 . Cv FC (Children Proceedings: Costs) [2004] 1 FLR 362 . C v FC (Brussels II: Free-Standing Application for Parental Responsibility) [2004] 1 FLR 317
- W v W (Financial Provision: Form E) [2003] EWHC 2254 (Fam)
- Mubarak v Mubarak [2003] 2 FLR 553; [2002] EWHC 2171 (Fam)
- SvS [2002] EWHC 223 (Fam)