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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 the 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 2021 reconfirms Frances' ranking as a 'Star Individual' and she is recognised for being "intellectually and strategically superb", "a real force" and "highly active and effective at what she does". The directory also notes Frances "gets the best cases and knows just how to handle them". Chambers UK 2020 recognised Frances as a 'Star Individual', praised her highly on her "very clear strategic view of a case", and described her as "probably the best family lawyer there is – she brings so much skill and brainpower to her role". Frances continues to be recognised as a Star Individual in Chambers HNW 2021 and is described as "a complete star". Frances is praised for her ability "to get quickly and accurately to the key issues in a case almost immediately. An hour of her time is probably worth more than six hours of most people's time". Chambers HNW also notes "she is outstanding. She has got a really great reputation and it is entirely deserved. She has a very no-nonsense approach, she is very good at cutting to the chase. She identifies exactly what clients need and then achieves it for them. She is just brilliant". Chambers HNW 2020 reconfirmed Frances' 'Star Individual' ranking, describing her as one of the "doyennes of family law" and "intellectually and strategically superb" on huge-value and hugely complex divorce matters. Frances is also commended for being "the toughest divorce solicitor in the country", by a top family barrister, adding: "She gets the best cases and knows just how to handle them. She is rightly in the star category"

The Legal 500 UK 2022 reconfirms Frances' ranking in 'The Legal 500 Hall of Fame', noting she "has rightly bestrode the family law world like a colossus". The directory further notes she "achieves unlikely outcomes by pure force of personality when required" and is "the most tactically astute mind in planning and executing a case, and loved by clients who feel utterly protected, and never led down the garden path". Frances is also praised for having a "stellar reputation" which is entirely deserved and second to none and it is highlighted "she has achieved countless victories against the odds. She has an extraordinary drive and will to win which brings success where others would look to cut her their losses".

The Legal 500 UK 2021 described her as a "peerless" leader who "has been highly active advising stars in the film, music, stage and art world on a variety of financial family law applications, usually involving complex tax issues and international elements". The guide also praised her as a "superstar" and "a fearless litigator who consistently achieves fantastic results in cases that are too close to call".

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.



Highly active and effective at what she does – she is a real force

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OUR REPORTED CASES

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

- 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 Evans [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 Mubarik v the United Kingdom [2009] ECHR 1437
- Bokor-Ingram v Bokor-Ingram [2009] EWCA Civ 412; [2009] 2 FLR 922
- Mubarak v Mubarik [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 Mubarik [2007] EWHC 220 (Fam)
- SvS [2006] EWHC 2793 (Fam)
- Mubarak v Mubarik [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 Mubarik [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)