



## MARK HARPER

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Mark focuses on divorce and family law, in particular international cases and those involving trusts. He also deals with pre-nuptial and pre-civil partnership agreements.

Mark also acts in international children's cases, including relocation cases. His Court of Appeal case of K v K helped to shape the law on relocation. In S v S, Mark achieved relocation but also change of primary carer for the children.

Mark was ranked one of the top ten UK family lawyers in Spear's Wealth Managements' Family law index 2017, 2018, and 2019 and was described as "without doubt the best technician in London".

He was also ranked in The Lawyer's 'Hot 100 lawyers' under Family and Private Client and is listed among the Top 10 Family & Matrimonial Lawyers in Citywealth's Leaders List and Spear's Family Law Index's 'Top Flight Family Lawyers'. Mark is also listed in Tatler Address Book's *Advisory* as one of the leading family lawyers in their trusted network of influential and elite private client experts with "gilt-edged" expertise.

Mark is the co-author of three leading textbooks on family law: International Trust and Divorce Litigation (Third Edition), Same Sex Marriage and Civil Partnership – The New Law, and Model Letters for Family Lawyers, all published by Jordans. Sir James Munby, President of the Family Division, in a review of International Trust and Divorce Litigation said "This is a book which needs to be in the bookcase and in the briefcase of everyone involved on a divorce case with a trust element".

Mark is a regular commentator on family law issues in the press and TV, having appeared on BBC News and Radio 4's Today programme. He regularly lectures in England and in offshore jurisdictions on a broad range of family law issues, especially trusts on divorce and pre-nuptial agreements, and was the European Chapter President of the International Academy of Family Lawyers between 2014 and 2016.

Mark continues to have a strong presence in the UK's top legal directories. Chambers UK 2025 reconfirms Mark's Band 1 ranking. The Guide enthuses that Mark is "a fantastic lawyer and a very kind and empathetic one too. He is hugely intelligent and reassuring." One source highlights that he is "extremely experienced and a good strategist," while another praises his "excellent client management," continuing that "he gives firm and clear advice."

Chambers UK 2024 and Chambers HNW 2024 describe Mark as "highly professional and pre-eminent on trust issues," with a source enthusing that he is "a very efficient lawyer, who has a full understanding of the different foreign laws systems, which is the key for international family cross-border cases." He is further praised as a "fantastic lawyer", "hugely intelligent and reassuring" and "extremely experienced and a good strategist".

The Legal 500 UK 2025 reconfirms Mark's ranking as a 'Leading Individual' with the guide noting "Mark Harper continues to stand out as a leading practitioner. His experience in international matters and trusts positions him as the 'go to' lawyer in these complex areas. His down-to-earth manner is greatly appreciated." The Legal 500 UK 2024 saw one source enthusing "if I had to recommend a solicitor to act for a trust who had been brought into family proceedings I would name Mark Harper of Hughes Fowler Carruthers as a go-to solicitor."

Mark has a keen interest in architecture, foreign travel and classic cars. Mark studied at Pembroke College, Oxford and Guildhall University, London. He qualified as a solicitor in 1988 and was a partner at Withers from 1999 until September 2014, when he joined Hughes Fowler Carruthers.

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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 KRD v PTL [2023] EWHC 1952 (Fam)
- KRD 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
- Timokhina v Timokhin [2019] EWCA Civ 1284
- Pierburg v Pierburg [2019] EWFC 24
- W v H [2019] EWFC B19
- Potanin v Potanina [2019] EWHC 2956 (Fam)
- Rogan v Rogan [2019] EWHC 814 (Fam)
- Pierburg v Pierburg [2019] EWFC 24
- 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) . Ivl [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)