




FAMILY FACT SHEET



We provide the highest quality service to our clients, who benefit from the extensive experience and talent of outstanding family lawyers who are nationally and internationally acknowledged as leaders in their field.

 Particularly well known for its expertise in complex financial cases, those involving children and international cases.

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Penningtons Manches advises on the full range of issues which arise on divorce and relationship breakdown, both from an international and domestic perspective. We also have considerable experience in advising on the matrimonial aspects of wealth protection and are well known for our expertise in the negotiation of relationship contracts, including pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements.

Our team is committed to providing clients with an unparalleled level of service in a compassionate, timely and child-focused manner. We offer a full range of family dispute resolution services, as well as robust and rigorous litigation where required.

We work closely with the firm's highly regarded private client team on the complex tax and trust issues which can arise on divorce. We have a recognised expertise in disputes between unmarried couples, the ground breaking issues surrounding surrogacy, 'alternative families' and complex parenting arrangements.

Penningtons Manches partners hold leadership positions within the foremost family law organisations including Resolution; the family section of the International Bar Association (IBA); the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (IAML); and the Private Clients' Commission of the International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA). These place us at the forefront of those who advise on international family law issues including 'forum shopping' or jurisdiction disputes as well as cases involving cross-border disputes about children.

FAMILY EXPERTISE AT A GLANCE

- divorce and separation
- mediation and collaborative law
- financial claims on divorce or separation
- children - domestic
- children – international and abduction
- cohabitants' claims
- family wealth protection
- injunctions and emergency remedies
- international family law
- pre-nuptial agreements and post-nuptial agreements
- same sex families



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RECENT WORK HIGHLIGHTS

- acting for the husband in the reported case of *T v T [2013]*, the leading case on interpretation of the EU Regulation on jurisdiction and enforcement of judgements in matrimonial matters and parental responsibility
- advising the mother in the reported case of *F v Y [2013]* to resist allegations by the father of abducting their daughter from Russia. The case illustrates judicial cooperation between England and Russia
- acting for a highly successful entrepreneur in a sector where valuations are notoriously difficult and there were other significant and complex issues, including inherited wealth and the intervention of a third party
- deferring an order successfully, pending the husband giving a 'Get' (a Jewish divorce). This leading case, *AI v MT [2013]*, was important to the Jewish community where the plight of the 'Agunah' is a serious issue
- arranging a private dispute resolution hearing for a City financier to allow a negotiated settlement to be reached sooner than would have been possible through the court, resulting in a considerable cost saving for the family
- successfully persuading the English court to decline jurisdiction in favour of the Russian Federation thereby allowing the child of our client, a Russian mother, to remain in that jurisdiction
- advising clients in the entertainment industry on the drafting of 'mirror' agreements in England and California. Working with US private client lawyers regarding Californian gift tax and other considerations
- successfully acting for a lesbian mother on an application to relocate with her child to her country of origin which was opposed by the biological father

WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT US

- Universally acknowledged as being amongst the best in the country.
[The Legal 500](#)
- Prestigious, highly-rated family law practice, whose advice and service levels are widely considered to set the benchmark for this area of law.
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- A friendly, approachable team with excellent technical knowledge.
[Chambers UK](#)
- This is a firm with a long-established and wholly merited reputation.
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- Winner of the Law Firm of the Year Award 2014.
[Citywealth Magic Circle Awards](#)

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