

3PB Barrister Profile



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Academic Qualifications

LLB (Reading)

Family

Christian Sweeney undertakes Private Law Children, Injunction and Ancillary Relief work, as well as property disputes involving cohabiting couples.

Christian appears in all forums from the Family Proceedings Court to the High Court.

In private law children proceedings, he has experience of appearing on behalf of parents as well as other relatives, covering the full range of child related matters.

In ancillary relief and cohabitation disputes, he represents the parties to the relationship, as well as other parties who have an interest in the proceedings.

He has acted on behalf of parents pursuing applications for financial relief against the other parent under the Children Act 1989.

He has appeared in cases concerning:

- alcohol and drug abuse by parents
- physical and sexual abuse of children
- cases involving parents implacably hostile to contact
- cases involving parents with psychological and psychiatric illnesses
- removal of a child from the jurisdiction
- a dispute, on religious grounds, as to which school a child should attend
- parents with learning difficulties or special needs
- domestic violence
- the principal assets of a marriage being held under a discretionary trust
- serious nondisclosure of assets in ancillary relief cases
- setting aside of consent orders for ancillary relief on the grounds of nondisclosure/change of circumstances

- cohabiting couples who have purchased a property together but conveyed the same into the name of only one of the parties
- cohabiting couples where the property is held in the name of one only one of the parties who purchased the property sometime before the parties commenced cohabitation.

Cases of interest which Christian has leading include an ancillary relief case where part of the wife's assets comprised a substantial sum of money she had received for selling her story of witnessing a notorious murder to the national press.

Professional Qualifications and Appointments

- Recorder

Professional Bodies

- Employment Law Bar Association (ELBA)
- Family Law Bar Association
- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Western Circuit