

Nicholas Fairbank

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Experience

Year of Call: 1996

Practice Areas

- Financial Remedies

Dispute Resolution

- Private FDR and Early Neutral Evaluation

Education

MA (Cantab)

Profile

Nicholas is the head of Chambers' Financial Remedies Team. He practices exclusively in family finance, advising and representing in substantial asset and complex cases involving trusts, foreign assets, pre-nuptial agreements, inherited wealth, Schedule 1 Children Act and Inheritance Act claims.

He brings a sharp forensic analysis to complex financial disputes. Clients appreciate his clear and commercial advice, his approachable manner and his professionalism and skill in the courtroom. As the directories record, he remains calm under pressure whilst forcefully advancing his case.

Nicholas's non-court dispute resolution and advisory work includes acting as a PFDR judge, advising both spouses jointly for The Divorce Surgery and advising upon and drafting pre- and post-marital agreements.

Nicholas is often instructed in cases involving a Chancery element, for example with third party beneficial ownership issues or personal or corporate insolvency. His reported cases with a significant Chancery aspect include *Teasdale v Carter and Teasdale* [2023] EWHC 490 (third party beneficial interests in property), *Kliers & Anor v Kliers* [2018] EWHC 3245 (Ch) (interplay between proceedings in the Chancery

and Family Divisions), DW & Anor v CG [2016] EWHC 2695 (Fam) (insolvency, third party interests, priority of charges) and Arif v Anwar v Rehan [2015] EWHC 124 (Fam) and [2013] EWHC 624 (Fam) (beneficial interests in property and the interplay between Chancery and Family Divisions).

Nicholas has written and presented seminars for leading publishers and lectures widely to professional audiences.

Memberships

Family Law Bar Association
South Eastern Circuit

Directories

“Incredibly measured in everything he does and very good on the law. He doesn’t take bad points and has got great integrity.”

“What he doesn’t know isn’t worth knowing. He runs circles around the opposition.”

“Nicholas is able to drill into financial issues others cannot see.”

“Technical, charming and adept.”

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‘Nicholas is one of those rare lawyers at the Bar, constantly evolving. He is very bright, more tactical and has a phenomenal memory. He is a go-to for financial claims.’

Legal 500, 2024

‘Nicholas has an excellent eye for detail, good on his feet and is a compelling advocate.’

Legal 500, 2023

‘Intelligent, detailed and great on his feet.’

Legal 500, 2022

‘Is an intellectual powerhouse in a very measured exterior. In my view he is not as well-known as he should be, but that is changing as the large firms realise he offers an encyclopaedic brain and is the match for any silk.’

Legal 500, 2021

‘Is a tenacious advocate, sharp as a razor blade and a pleasure to watch in action.’

Legal 500, 2020

‘Has a fabulous eye for detail.’

Legal 500, 2019

‘Intelligent and very analytical.’

Legal 500, 2017

‘A first-class heavyweight junior, who is very subtle and composed, no matter how tricky the situation.’

Legal 500, 2016

Cases

21/01/2025	Pamela Jane Teasdale v Rebecca Sarah Carter & Anor	Nicholas Fairbank Charles Hale KC	[2023] EWHC 490 (Fam)
17/01/2024	MA v ROUX	Nicholas Fairbank Alexandra Halliday	[2024] EWHC 1917 (Fam)
07/03/2023	Pamela Jane Teasdale v Rebecca Sarah Carter & Anor	Charles Hale KC Nicholas Fairbank	[2023] EWHC 490
18/03/2021	S v T	Nicholas Fairbank	[2021] EWFC B11
14/11/2018	Kliers & Anor v Kliers	Nicholas Fairbank	[2018] EWHC 3245 (Ch)
21/11/2016	DW & Anor v CG	Nicholas Fairbank	[2016] EWHC 2965 (Fam)
26/01/2015	Arif v Anwar	Nicholas Fairbank	[2015] EWHC 124 (Fam)
25/11/2014	C v C (2014)	Nicholas Fairbank	AC9101365
21/03/2013	Arif v Anwar & Anor [2013]	Nicholas Fairbank	[2013] EWHC 624 (Fam)
20/07/2004	RE H (2004)	Brian Jubb Nicholas Fairbank	[2004] EWHC 1628 (Fam)
18/02/2004	Regentford Ltd v Thanet District Council (2004)	Nicholas Fairbank	[2004] EWHC 246 (Admin); [2004] RA 113 : (2004) 101(11) LSG 35 : [2004] NPC 25 : Times, March 4, 2004
21/12/2000	R V Canterbury Crown Court, Ex Parte Regetford Ltd (2000)	Nicholas Fairbank	[2001] HRLR 18 : [2001] ACD 40 : Times, February 6,
25/07/1997	Mountjoy V Mountjoy (1997)	Nicholas Fairbank	AC9000183