

Angela Hall

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"She is a tenacious advocate, who will fight hard to get the best outcome for the client every time." The Legal 500



Profile

Angela is commended for her approachability and her composed and robust representation. She prides herself on providing practical and commercial advice on cases, which are often complex and emotionally charged.

In Chambers, Angela has an active role in the following areas:

- Treasurer & Executive Committee Member: elected to the role in 2014
- Pupil supervisor since 2011
- Member of the Pupillage Selection Committee.

Description of Practice

Family Property

Angela Hall advises and represents private clients on the division of property upon divorce, separation, family breakdown and death. This includes the following:

- Financial remedies on divorce, including the drafting of pre- and post-nuptial settlements
- Cohabitee disputes and other TLATA 1996 applications (Angela often acts for interveners in divorce proceedings)
- Applications under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975
- Schedule 1 of Children Act 1989 applications and high value child maintenance claims
- Contentious probate
- Mortgage possessions, including where there are concurrent divorce proceedings, bankruptcy or allegations of undue influence
- Paternity fraud (this is a niche specialist practice, Angela having been junior counsel on two of the most significant paternity fraud cases to reach the High Court/Court of Appeal in the last few years).

Property & housing

Angela is also highly regarded in the field of residential landlord and tenant and regularly advises local authorities and RPSHs on public policy and procedure. She is preferred counsel for a number of local authorities. Angela is instructed at all levels in the following areas:

- Anti-social behaviour
- Homelessness
- Landlord and tenant issues arising from the breakdown of marriage/relationships or death, including applications for the transfer of a tenancy in the family courts and succession disputes in the civil courts
- Children Act 1989/2004 obligations of the local authority
- Judicial review and public/equality defences, benefit entitlement and other regulatory work.

Professional bodies

- Property Bar Association
- Family Law Bar Association
- Social Housing Law Association

Seminars and Training

Angela recognises the importance of seminars and articles. Most recently she has given seminars or written articles on the following:

- Local Authority's housing duties arising under the Children Act 1989 and 2004
- Paternity fraud
- Tenancy housing fraud
- Anti-social behaviour
- Succession in same-sex relationships
- Homelessness

She was also a major contributor to Ardi Kolar's Essential Law for Marketers.

Important Cases

Saleem v. Wandsworth LBC; Mohamood v. Kensington & Chelsea RLBC: Court of Appeal (awaiting judgement):

Appeal against the decision of a local authority to pursue possession following the discharge of its Part 7 duty. Challenge in respect of the extent of the local authority's duty to carry out an assessment of the children prior to eviction and the impact of the "best interests of the child" on the question of proportionality.

W v. C & M(1st instance decision embargoed):

Claim for paternity fraud by former-Husband against his former-Wife and the biological father of a child of the marriage. Successful at first instance; first case of its kind to reach Court of Appeal; oral application for permission to appeal refused by three-Judge bench.

X v Ealing Borough Council: Legal Action, Nov 2010:

Interpretation of “local connection” and the resultant duties of a local authority to a homeless applicant whose daughter had been given a scholarship for attendance at a school in-borough.

R (on the Application of Daniels) v Barnet LBC: [2007] EWHC 1885 (Admin):

Establishing the local authority's entitlement to rescind a Council Tax discount with retrospective effect.

Qualifications

- Trinity College, Oxford: Jurisprudence
- Richard Yorke Scholar of Gray's Inn.