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## Charles Hyde QC

**Degree:**

LLB (Hons) Manchester

**Year of call and Inn:**

1988; Middle Temple

**Professional Membership:**

Western Circuit, FLBA; Family Procedure Rules Committee; Fellow of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (IAML); Chartered Arbitrator; Member of the Institute of Family Law Arbitrators (IFLA)

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**Appointments:**

QC 2006; Deputy High Court Judge (Family Division) 2011; Recorder 2005 (Family and Crime)

**Specialist Areas:**

Matrimonial Finance

### Practice Overview:

Having spent 20 years practising on the Western Circuit, Charles joined QEB in 2009. After a busy five years in London, he returned 'home' to practise at Albion Chambers in 2014. He remains a door tenant at QEB and retains his London connections.

### Training:

Charles lectures extensively both nationally and internationally.

In spring 2013 he presented to the IAML Conference in Salzburg.

In 2010 he addressed a workshop at the European Parliament, which was considering the extent to which there might be scope for a unified European approach to Matrimonial Law.

He has provided many other local seminars, and has lectured for Jordans and Butterworths at their National events.

### Recommendations:

"He has a brain the size of a planet and he is really thorough, methodical and judges really like him."

"He is an excellent financial practitioner. He's client-friendly, with great attention to detail and always well prepared."

*Chambers and Partners 2022*

"The shining star of the South West Bar. Effortless ability, meticulous preparation, charm and gravitas in one smooth package." "Superb".

*Legal 500 2022*

"Highly respected practitioner with a great deal of experience in large-scale financial remedy proceedings, including complex cross-jurisdictional cases. He is frequently instructed in disputes which involve high-value farms, shares and other assets.

"He is brilliant - remarkably approachable with clients, very down to earth and eloquent in court." "He is calm, incisive and gets it right each time. He stands out from the crowd."

*Chambers and Partners 2021*

"Excellent client care, he immediately puts the client at ease and with that his instructing solicitor. He is bright and forensically clever, considering all angles both for and against. His greatest accolade however must be his advocacy skills. He has the court in the palm of his hands. He commands a great presence and the ear of the court."

*Legal 500*

"Draws on over 25 years' experience acting for clients in complex matrimonial finance disputes, and is also able to advise on private children cases. He is recognised as a leading advocate in big-ticket work, and is also highlighted for his strong cross-border capabilities." "He has a wealth of experience, which enables him to have a confident and assured approach to the most complex of issues." "He's an excellent barrister - he's very calm, has superb judgement and has seen every scenario. Clients respect the measured way in which he works and the constructive but firm approach he uses to achieve the outcome needed."

*Chambers and Partners*

"Very adaptable to the needs of specific clients and technically brilliant. Very skilled in the courtroom. Very well respected, he has got a lovely, easy-going manner and his style appeals to judges."

*Chambers and Partners*

"Hard to beat in the Bristol market, he is very experienced and switched-on."

*Chambers and Partners*

"Head of chambers who has over 25 years' experience acting for clients in complex matrimonial finance disputes, and is also able to advise on private children cases. Known particularly for his pragmatism, he is described by more than one source as a class act. Expert in high net worth financial matters, well liked by clients, a very smooth operator."

*Chambers and Partners*

"He understands the most difficult scenarios and translates them into plain English for others." "He prepares meticulously, is responsive to work with and has an excellent client manner."

*Chambers and Partners*

"Combines exceptional advocacy with total approachability".

*Chambers and Partners*

"Intellectually in a class of his own"

*Chambers and Partners*

Has an "enviable practice as a smooth operator in high-value money cases"

*Chambers and Partners*

"Wins over the court with his eloquence and detailed preparation"

“Brilliant, inclusive and charming”

*Legal 500*

## Areas of Practice

### **Matrimonial Finance**

Considered to be ‘intellectually in a class of his own’; as having an ‘enviable practice as a smooth operator in high-value money cases’ (Chambers and Partners), and brilliant, inclusive and charming’ (Legal 500), Charles has appeared in many reported and well-publicised cases.

Solicitors and lay clients are attracted to his ‘no-nonsense’ and focused approach, designed to achieve the best outcome at the least possible emotional cost. His pragmatism reflects years of high-quality work at the Bar and also his experience sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice as a Deputy High Court Judge, where he has authority to hear the most complex financial and children cases. He also sits as a Recorder in Private and Public Law cases across the West of England.

He was a founder member of the Family Procedure Rules Committee in 2004 and served on the committee for ten years.

### **Reported cases:**

*R v F* [2011] 2 FLR 99

*SW v RW* [2011] EWCA Civ 703

*T v B* [2010] EWHC 1444

*Sandler v Sandler v Lloyd Platt* [2010] Fam Law 1266

*Re M* [2010] 2 FCR 236.

*Re W and M* (2010) All ER (D) 77

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