

## Alex Curran

Alex has specialised exclusively in family law since qualifying as a solicitor, with a particular focus and emphasis on cases involving significant wealth. His work routinely encompasses proceedings involving complex asset structures and cases with multi-international dimensions. Alex also specialises in child welfare proceedings involving issues such as leave to remove applications, the coaching of children to falsify allegations, international child abduction and biological parentage. He is described by the legal directories as “*an iron fist in a velvet glove*” with an “*intelligent, eloquent approach to cases [which] makes the unarquable appear arquable*”



Alex is a Senior Associate in the family department at Payne Hicks Beach. His field of expertise spans the spectrum of private family law matters, although he predominantly specialises in advising on the financial issues arising upon the breakdown of marriage for high and ultra-high net worth individuals and their spouses. He has worked on cases that have been heard in the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court and has acted for and against Premier League footballers, musicians, business leaders, the ultra-wealthy and City bankers. The work that Alex undertakes will often feature international individuals or assets, with complex asset structures involving trusts, businesses and nuptial agreements. He has a wealth of experience in dealing with applications for emergency injunctive relief to preserve assets or to rectify wrongful interference with them. Alex is also accustomed to advising and representing clients in proceedings concerning financial provision for the children of unmarried parents.

Alex's children law experience has seen him act on cases involving applications for leave to remove to the United States and working on cases involving risks of international child abduction and securing appropriate safeguards (including the biggest financial bond ever reported to permit international travel) in Switzerland, Monaco, France, Dubai and India. He has successfully pursued and obtained findings in proceedings involving the falsification of physical and sexual abuse allegations, coaching and parental alienation.

Alex is able to bring a wealth of experience to his clients to assist them in identifying their aims and objectives and devising a clear and strategic path to obtain them by providing pragmatic and coherent advice. He is adept at working with conciliatory and constructive methods of dispute resolution just as much as he is litigating proceedings when required.

Alex attended Manchester Metropolitan University and obtained a 2:1 in his degree with Law with French. Following the conclusion of his Legal Practice Course, he completed his training contract with a leading family law team in Manchester and qualified as a solicitor in 2015. Alex moved to London in 2016, was promoted to Senior Associate in 2019 and joined Payne Hicks Beach in 2021.

In his spare time, he enjoys travel, running, playing squash and spending time with his family and friends.

### Cases of note include:

AB v CD and C [2019] EWHC 1695 (Fam)

AB v CD and C (no2) [2019] EWHC 2244 (Fam)

AB v CD [2021] EWFC 38

### Awards, accolades and testimonials

Recommended Lawyer - Legal 500 UK 2022

*“Alex Curran is an iron fist inside a velvet glove. His intelligent, eloquent approach to cases makes the unarguable appear arguable. He is a rising star in family law”.* – Legal 500 UK 2022.

*“Alex Curran – star of the present and the future; he will go far”* – Legal 500 UK 2022.

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