



FLAGS training 20th May 2020

Zoom: 4.30- 5.30pm

Conducting Arbitrations Remotely:

Three experienced IFLA Arbitrators- one a solicitor, one a barrister and the other a former member of the judiciary discuss the particular issues that may arise when conducting an arbitration on a remote basis.

Practical, informative and reassuring training followed by an opportunity to ask questions. If you have any questions for the speakers now, send them to Rachael.Kelsey@sko-family.co.uk or you will have the chance to put your hand up on the zoom meeting during the session!

Speaker biographies:

HH Judge Donald Cryan was one of the founders the Institute of Family Law Arbitrators (IFLA). He became the Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Institute and helped establish the first schemes for both child and financial arbitration in England and Wales.

HH Judge Donald Cryan was called to the Bar in 1970. He was appointed an Assistant Recorder in 1991, a Recorder in 1993 and a Circuit Judge in 1996. He was authorised to sit as a Judge of the High Court (Family Division) in 1996 and he was the Designated Family Judge for Medway from 2001 to 2004 and for Kent from 2004 to 2008. He was Chairman of the Family Justice Council for Kent from 2005 to 2008.

James Roberts QC is a Barrister at 1KBW in London. He sits as a Recorder (part time Judge) and is authorised to hear complex financial cases in the Central Family Court. He is a founding Board member of the Institute of Family Law Arbitrators (IFLA) and he sits on the Advisory Committee to IFLA. He is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and is qualified to conduct arbitrations in family matters under the IFLA scheme.

James has acted as an arbitrator in a significant number of cases. Invariably he provides his award in writing within 48 hours of a hearing. He also has experience of representing parties to arbitrations and in presenting cases

under the IFLA scheme. He appreciates the subtle differences in the arbitral environment (as opposed to the court room) and adjusts his style accordingly with favourable results.

Suzanne Kingston is a consultant in the family law team at Mills & Reeve. She deals with all types of family law - divorce, financial issues, children disputes, pre-nuptial and post nuptial agreements, civil partnership disputes and many of my cases have a foreign element.

She wrote and co-trained the family law arbitration course in England and Wales and was one of the first accredited family arbitrators there. In addition she has trained arbitration round the world - New Zealand, Hong Kong and South Africa as well as for FLAGS, where she is one of our external examiners. She is an accredited resolution mediator and has a thriving mediation practice as well as being a qualified collaborative lawyer. She also teaches Hybrid mediation.