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Profile

Michael has been a fellow of the IAFL since 2006 and is former Treasurer of the European Chapter. He is a collaborative lawyer and an Arbitrator.

With his extensive expertise in cross-jurisdictional divorce and financial cases, pre-nuptial agreements, cohabitation and child law, Michael has been an integral member of the market leading team at Withers for over 30 years – representing clients from UK, Europe, the US, and the MENA region. He is an elected member of the Withers Partnership Board.

Michael has chaired and lectured at various family law conferences in England and abroad – including co-chairing the acclaimed education programme at the IAFL conference in Venice in February 2023. In June 2025, Michael featured on a T4L webinar panel '*the Future of HNW Divorce: AI, Data, and Digital Disruption in Family Law*'.

Michael has for many years been listed in the legal directories as a leading family lawyer in London - described as '*a real class act*'; '*an exceptionally thorough and able lawyer...thinking outside and inside the box which so many of the bigger financial cases need*'.

When not at his desk, Michael enjoys playing sport (including running a cricket team he founded 35 years ago, road cycling, tennis, and skiing), and travelling with his family.

DIPALI MALDONADO

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Profile

Dipali Maldonado is a Partner and Head of the Private Client Services team at Al Tamimi & Company, the largest law firm in the Middle East. Dual-qualified in the UAE and England & Wales, she has over 12 years of experience advising and representing clients on UAE family law matters. Dipali specializes in both local and expatriate cases, covering Muslim and non-Muslim matters across all Emirates.

She has an extensive expertise in handling complex, high-profile cases for high-net worth individuals, their families, and partners, often involving cross-border elements.

Dipali is highly skilled in negotiating and drafting pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements, both domestically and internationally.

Her strengths include developing strategic and strong approaches for divorce, child arrangements, and financial settlements. With a deep understanding of legal and cultural nuances across the Middle East, Europe, the UK and USA and India, coupled with a strong global network of trusted advisors, she is well-equipped to navigate family breakdown situations and guide clients through complex legal challenges.

Whilst Dipali has a strong and proven track record of negotiated out of court settlements, she has also played a pivotal role in winning a number of cases for the firm's clients.

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Profile

- Skilled litigation attorney with extensive experience in local courts, Supreme Court and has expertise in diverse areas of the law, including civil law (family law, child abduction cases, recognition and enforcement of foreign court awards, inheritance law and private client services). Extensive experience in litigation including large, complex and high profile cases.
- Languages Spoken: English, French, Italian & Turkish
- Practice Areas: Adoption, Appeals, Child Care/Public Law, Child Custody/Residence/Visitation/Contact, Child Support, Cohabitation, Divorce, Domestic Abuse/Violence/Protection Orders, Emergency Procedures/Injunctions, Enforcement: Child Custody, Enforcement: Child Support, Enforcement: Property Division, Enforcement: Spousal Support, Finance: Capital Provision, Finance: Insolvency, Finance: Pensions/Superannuation/Retirement and Employment Benefits, Finance: Property Issues, Hague Convention/Child Abduction, Mediation, Modification/Variation: Child Custody, Modification/Variation: Child Support, Modification/Variation: Property Division, Modification/Variation: Spousal Support, Parentage/Paternity, Pre-nuptial/Post-nuptial Agreements, Relocation/Removal from Jurisdiction, Spousal Support/Maintenance/Alimony, Surrogacy

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Nimrita Dadlani is the Founder and CEO of Pivot, a legal AI company building “evidence intelligence” for family law teams. After going through her own divorce, she saw how time-consuming and expensive evidence handling can be. Pivot is a platform for family law firms that turns fragmented case material into verified, structured data.

Pivot brings together WhatsApps, emails, PDFs, bank statements, scans and notes into a single, searchable evidence map and timeline. It then produces clear, structured, fully cited reports and drafts that are auditable and easy to verify. Designed to sit alongside existing workflows, Pivot reduces the administrative load that absorbs fee-earner time, helping firms run matters more efficiently and deliver better client outcomes - so lawyers can focus on strategy, advice and advocacy, not admin.

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Hannah is a formidable silk renowned for her role in leading and appellate cases, often those which tackle ground breaking areas of law. Hannah is ranked as a Star Individual by Chambers & Partners and a Tier 1, Leading Silk by the Legal 500. Since taking silk Hannah has balanced complex private law cases, international children law cases and appellate work with the most serious of public law (care) cases.

Private law cases involve those with the most serious of issues, domestic abuse, alienation and emotional abuse; physical abuse including sexual and those with international and complicated relocation (both internal and external) arguments. Known for her work in cases involving serious allegations of sexual abuse, physical abuse and emotional harm, she is also highly regarded in her work in medical cases: non accidental injury, shaken baby syndrome and cases involving mental health issues. Hannah's work also focuses on judicial review issues both within family law cases and as free-standing issues.

Hannah is an arbitrator and a mediator

In 2024 Hannah was appointed as Deputy High Court Judge deployed to the Royal Courts of Justice.

Appointments & Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association – Former Chair
- Women in Family Law – Chair
- Chair of the CCFLR
- Member of the IFLA advisory board.
- Association of Lawyers for Children (ALC)
- Family Arbitrator
- Lincoln's Inn

Languages

- Spanish
- Conversational French