

## Amy Hadley

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Amy Hadley studied law at Canterbury Christ Church University, graduating in 2015 with an Upper Second-Class Honours. Amy joined Tolhurst Fisher LLP as a paralegal in October 2015 working in the family and dispute resolution department where she built up a wealth of experience in a wide range of general litigation and family matters.

Amy completed her Legal Practice Course and Master of Laws at the University of Law in 2018, studying part-time alongside her two-year training contract and she was admitted as a solicitor in April 2019. She remained at Tolhurst Fisher LLP for a further five years practicing as a Solicitor in the family and dispute resolution department.

Amy joined Pinney Talfourd in November 2024 as an Associate in the family department where she undertakes work in private children matters, divorce and dissolution, cohabitation disputes and financial relief.

## EXPERTISE

Lucy's expertise covers:

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- Separation Agreements
- Mediation
- International Divorce
- Fixed Fee Family Services
- Finances Post Divorce

## ON A PERSONAL NOTE

On a personal note, in her spare time Amy enjoys travelling and exploring new cultures through cuisine and languages. Currently learning Italian, Amy enjoys immersing herself in the rich culinary traditions of Italy while (poorly) expanding her language skills. A lover of a diverse range of music throughout the decades including musical theatre, Amy enjoys attending live performances and gathering inspiration for further pieces to add to her record collection.

## Areas of Expertise

### Family

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### Notable Family cases

#### Successfully Defending Pension Variation Claim Amid Financial Abuse

Amy was instructed by A in highly acrimonious contested proceedings where there was a longstanding history of financial abuse. A's ex-husband B had attempted to vary an agreement reached at the FDR on the grounds that there had been a significant change of circumstances in the period between the order being made and a pension share being implemented. B's position related to the increase in the value of his pension due to an ill-health enhancement received on his retirement ahead of the FDR. B's claim had been robustly defended by A and at a Mention hearing the Judge not only found in favour of A, directing the pension share

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to include the ill-health enhancement but awarded A her costs in defending those proceedings.

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### Securing Pension Share Against Non-Compliant and Asset-Hiding Ex-Spouse

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Amy acted for C who had been forced to commence Court proceedings as a result of her ex-husband, D's failure to engage in discussions and subsequently his non-compliance with the Court's directions. Following successful applications for specific disclosure of pension assets and then freezing orders to halt the drawdown of the same, C was awarded a pension sharing order in her favour in excess of £200,000 plus her costs in defending those proceedings.

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### Securing Family Home for Children Amid Property and Childcare Disputes

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Amy assisted on a matter on behalf of E who had issued proceedings under Schedule 1 of the Children Act in order to secure accommodation for the children of the family until the youngest reached 18 years of age. Her former partner, F made a cross-application under TOLATA for an order that they receive their interest in the property immediately, in addition to bringing Section 8 of the Children Act proceedings seeking an order for the children to live with him, citing numerous safeguarding issues. After the childcare arrangements were resolved in favour of E, both the applications under Schedule 1 and TOLATA were combined and the Court found in favour of E ordering that the family home should be preserved for the benefit of the children, with a charge over the property in favour of F to be redeemed once the youngest child attained the age of 18 or finished secondary education, whichever was the later.

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## Awards

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