

## **SIR NICHOLAS FRANCIS**

**Judge  
Royal Courts of Justice**

**London, England**



Mr Justice Francis ("Nick") was appointed a High Court Judge, assigned to the Family Division, in October 2016.

Nick was called to the bar in 1981, appointed a recorder in 1999, appointed Queen's Counsel in 2002 and a deputy High Court Judge in 2005. His practice at the Bar was largely concerned with high value divorce claims. He has appeared in a large number of high profile cases. From 2002 until 2016 he was Head of Chambers at 29 Bedford Row, one of England's best known Family Law barristers' Chambers.

Before becoming a Judge, Nick was one of the pioneers of the now firmly established private FDR process.

Nick was one of the editors of the text book "International prenuptial agreements" and the author of the chapter relating to England and Wales.

In 2017 Nick was the Judge in the very public and tragic case concerning the baby Charlie Gard.

Nick has ruled in a number of similar, albeit less public, end of life cases. Nick now also deals with a large caseload of public law care cases, as well as High Court money cases.

In 2017 Nick was appointed Family Division Liaison Judge for Wales.