

Suzanne Stephenson is our Hon Treasurer. She is a District Judge at Barnet County Court.

She writes:

I was born in London on 3rd June 1956 and married in 1988. Our son is now a teenager.



I grew up mainly in Buckinghamshire. I attended the Polytechnic of Central London where I attained an upper second in Law and was also awarded the Maxwell Law prize while I was there. I was admitted as a Solicitor at the age of 23 and was initially in practice in Slough. I was very active with local Law Societies and on one of the first Court Duty Solicitor schemes.

I then moved to a Practice in St Albans where I widened my experience in both criminal and civil litigation and became a member of the Children Panel. I helped organise Herts Young Lawyers.

I took a few months career break to give birth to my son and then moved to a practice in Luton where I took charge of their Family Law Department. I was appointed a Deputy District Judge in 1992

coinciding with when my son was approaching the terrible twos! Having survived the terrible twos, pneumonia and my husband starting his own solicitors practice I then trained additionally as a Family Mediator.

In 2000 I was appointed a full time District Judge and sat initially in Lambeth and Woolwich. I have sat at Barnet County Court since 2001 and consider that I have a special interest in Family Law. I also contribute to Practical Civil Court Precedents. I live in the Home Counties near London with my husband and son. We have 2 cats, 2 guinea pigs and bantams at the bottom of the garden. I have an as yet unfulfilled ambition to learn bee-keeping.