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**The Firm:** Described by its clients as a “fantastic outfit,” Dawson Cornwell has a caseload of high net worth ancillary relief work, well represented by senior lawyers. It supplements matrimonial finance expertise with greater than average emphases on cross-jurisdictional issues and children’s law, the two of which come together in a market-leading niche practice in international child abduction. This international dimension is demonstrated by a dual-qualified Spanish lawyer and a Spanish-language web site, as well as French, German and Arabic-speaking lawyers. This large practice is “first-class for cross-border child issues,” and is “well renowned” for its work with foreign-born wives abandoned following the breakdown of arranged marriages.

**The Lawyers:** The formidable **Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE** is held in very high esteem by the legal profession. “A first-rate lawyer who really knows her stuff on international child abduction,” she impresses clients with her “passionate, fighting commitment.” She also deals with less confrontational applications to remove children from a jurisdiction, and with domestic public and private law cases. With a similar work profile to Hutchinson, interviewees describe **Helen Kings** as “highly skilled, sensible and level headed.” On the matrimonial finance side, **John Cornwell**’s veteran’s experience is not crossed lightly. Actively involved in the collaborative movement, he is “a senior lawyer with senior cases.” **Russell Bywater** combines matrimonial finance with private law child work, and is noted for his interpersonal skills; clients report that he is “brilliant at getting facts sensitively.” **Kate Allen** also combines private child work with matrimonial finance, and is praised for her “dedication to clients.” Finally, the “proactive and exceptionally organised” **Rhiannon Lewis** specialises in matrimonial finance cases with a cross-jurisdictional element.

Dawson Cornwell the family law firm

*“This excellent outfit” combines “a robust financial team”  
with “a top drawer children practice”  
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