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Annual Money Conference

Thursday, 13th June 2019 | 10.00 am - 4.10 pm

MShed, Princes Wharf, Wapping Road, Bristol

St John's Chambers **Divorce & Financial Remedy team**, and sponsors **Brewin Dolphin**, welcome you to their annual conference which will provide a selection of hot-topic updates on the latest developments in the law and practice of financial remedies, as well as an interactive discussion and analysis of a mock case.

We are delighted to welcome **His Honour Judge Hess** who will provide an update on the Financial Remedy Court and Pension Advisory Group.

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£80 + VAT

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Programme

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| 9.30 - 10.00am | Registration and refreshments |
| 10.00 - 10.15am | Introduction by Chair <i>Christopher Sharp QC, John's Chambers</i> |
| 10.15 - 10.45 am | Notices to show cause <i>Nick Miller, Barrister, St John's Chambers</i> |
| 10.45 - 11.25 am | Small money cases <i>Sophie Smith-Holland and Harriet Dudbridge, Barristers, St John's Chambers</i> |
| 11.25 - 11.40 am | Refreshments |
| 11.40 - 12.25 pm | Developments of the Financial Remedy Court and the work of the Pension Advisory Group <i>HHJ Edward Hess, Designated Family Judge for Wiltshire, Deputy National Lead Judge, Financial Remedies Courts, Nominated Judge of the Court of Protection</i> |
| 12.25 - 12.55 pm | Instructing experts and getting the best from the Family Procedure Rules 2010 in financial remedy proceedings <i>Andrew Commins, Barrister, St John's Chambers</i> |
| 12.55 - 1.45 pm | Lunch |
| 1.45 - 2.15 pm | Is Duxbury a Dinosaur? <i>Mena Ruparel, Family Law Solicitor and Phil Peat, Financial Planner, Brewin Dolphin</i> |
| 2.15 - 2.45 pm | Practical advice on pre-nuptial agreements – drafting, procedure and key cases <i>Zoe Saunders, Barrister, St John's Chambers</i> |
| 2.45 - 3.00 pm | Refreshments |
| 3.00 - 4.00 pm | Mock case and group discussion This session will involve the provision of a basic factual synopsis for interactive discussion and analysis between the audience and a panel of barristers, with consideration of some recent case law (and some less recent) and involving: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The inherent jurisdiction and protection of the family business• Valuation evidence and the family business• Unconscionable conduct and add backs• Provision for an adult disabled child |
| 4.00 - 4.10 pm | Any questions? |
| 4.10 pm | Close |



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Presenters



Christopher Sharp QC
(Call 1975, QC 1999)
St John's Chambers

"Christopher Sharp QC is the pinnacle. 'He is phenomenally intelligent and an excellent advocate. He has a very calming manner with clients and is extremely meticulous.' 'Very precise and a great tactical thinker.' "

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Christopher's practice incorporates both high-value complex financial remedies claims and child care cases involving the most extreme forms of abuse and injury. Acknowledged as one of the leading family Silks, his practice extends across the country although mainly based in London and the Western Circuit. In money cases he is well experienced in negotiated and facilitated settlements as well as contested trials. Recent cases have involved foreign assets and pensions, arguments over the pre-marital origin of wealth, add backs and conduct, and issues of mental incapacity. Christopher writes a regular column reviewing financial remedy cases. Christopher has extensive experience of the appellate courts. He sits as a Recorder and Deputy High Court Judge and conducts private FDRs.



**Andrew Commins, Barrister
and Mediator (Call 2004)**
St John's Chambers

"Well known for representing high-net worth clients on significant matrimonial finance issues. 'His intellect, client skills, preparation and advocacy are all five-star.' 'He is brilliant. He is so thorough and detailed. Clients really like him.' 'Exceptionally bright.' "

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Andrew is a family law barrister specialising in all matters of family finance including financial remedies on divorce and the dissolution of civil partnerships, cohabitation disputes, Schedule 1 applications and related professional negligence claims. He has experience of cases involving farming partnerships, discretionary and constructive trusts, bankruptcy, company interests, nuptial agreements, inherited wealth, allegations of conduct and the variation of complex settlements. In addition to his court and advisory work, Andrew has created and manages The Financial Remedy Channel. He also offers two bespoke forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution; the private FDR and a Civil Law-style represented mediation (for both financial remedy, TLATA 1996 and Schedule 1 matters).



Nick Miller, Barrister
(Call 1993)
St John's Chambers

"Nick is highly thought of for his work in the ancillary relief sphere, representing clients in high-value cases with complex pension, trust, farm and company elements. 'Practical and pragmatic. He has great attention to detail and delivers every time.' 'His preparation is thorough and he has a comprehensive knowledge of the law.' "

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Nick advises and represents clients solely in financial remedy issues, particularly complex high value pensions, farm and company cases. He enjoys an enviable reputation for his expertise and is consistently ranked by the legal directories for his ancillary relief advice. As a former solicitor and partner with a Bristol firm, Nick offers a depth to his experience to his practice. Nick was a founder member of the SFLA (now Resolution) and secretary of the Bristol SFLA for ten years.



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**Zoe Saunders, Barrister
(Call 2003)
St John's Chambers**

"Zoe has an extremely good grasp of the law and is a very confident advocate. She is also very good with clients.' 'Always impressive and always thorough, she is a formidable advocate as well as a skilled negotiator.' "

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Zoë has extensive experience of cohabitation disputes involving ToLATA and Applications under Schedule 1 of the Children Act, and is often asked to advise both in writing and in conference as well as acting in disputed cases in the High Court, County Court and before the land registry adjudicator. She has expertise in financial remedy cases involving multiple properties, trusts of land, complex pensions and insolvency. Zoe has experience in cases involving confiscation order and proceeds of crime act issues and international enforcement of maintenance orders. Zoë also has a fast-growing professional negligence practice.

“Members are frequently instructed in financial remedy cases involving international assets for married and unmarried couples. They are a strong chambers with some very robust, heavyweight individuals, and an excellent reputation in finance work.”

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**Mena Ruparel
Family Law Solicitor
Brewin Dolphin**

Mena regularly writes, examines and trains on family law subjects. She has a portfolio career and is a member the Law Society family committee, the Resolution equality, diversity and inclusion committee, and she is also a member of the independent reference group at the National Crime agency. She has co-authored How to be an ethical solicitor with Richard Burnham and speaks about solicitors' ethics. Mena is also a member of the Pension Advisory Group.



**Phil Peat
Financial Planner
Brewin Dolphin**

Phil joined Brewin Dolphin in 2018 and specialises in providing tailored financial advice to individuals specialising in pensions, investments and inheritance tax planning. Phil previously worked for an international firm in research and analysis after graduating with a degree in Human Biosciences from the University of Exeter. In his spare time you will find Phil cycling around Chew Valley.



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**Sophie Smith-Holland,
Barrister
(Call 2015)
St John's Chambers**

"I was really impressed with Sophie's work, thoroughness, calm and ability to deal with the very difficult LIP on the other side without losing sight of the issues. I look forward to continuing to work with her."

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FINDING HEARING

Sophie is developing a thriving junior practice, representing applicants and respondents at all stages of financial proceedings; from FDAs and FDRs through to final hearing. She also accepts instructions in relation to applications brought under Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989 and ToLATA 1996. Sophie's experience is strengthened by having worked for over 2 years in the family team of a highly respected national law firm. During this time she assisted on a variety of private and public law children matters. Consequently, she has a unique ability to view cases from the perspectives of both her professional and lay clients.

About the team

St John's Divorce and Financial Remedy team has expertise and considerable experience across the whole range of matrimonial law and financial remedies associated with the break-up of a relationship, whether upon divorce, after cohabitation, or on the dissolution of a civil partnership.



**Harriet Dudbridge, Barrister
(Call 2015)
St John's Chambers**

Harriet has joined chambers after her completion of pupillage under the supervision of Susan Hunter. Harriet joins St John's Chambers as a Justice First Fellow, a scheme devised by the Legal Education Foundation for the next generation of social welfare lawyers. Harriet has represented applicants and respondents in financial remedy proceedings, including FDAs and FDRs. She also accepts instructions in relation to applications brought under Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989 and ToLATA 1996 and has represented claimants at CCMC. Harriet has also successfully advocated a client who opposed decree absolute.