

Divorce & Financial Remedy Conference



Thursday, 19th June 2025



9.00am – 5.00pm



Bristol Old Vic, Bristol

CPD:
5.5 hours

Our **Divorce & Financial Remedy** team will be hosting a full day divorce & financial remedies conference, kindly sponsored by Milsted Langdon LLP.

We look forward to welcoming our guest speaker, **HHJ Charles Hyde KC**.

The conference will provide the **latest** procedural, case law and legislative updates from our experienced lawyers and is recommended to all busy **family law practitioners**.

In the afternoon you will be able to choose between two interactive workshops: **third parties** or **enforcement**.

The team will be hosting a networking drinks reception at the end of the day – we hope you can join us!

All profit raised will be donated to **Advocate**, a charity that finds free legal assistance from volunteer barristers.

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Topics include:

- Pre-Nuptial agreements
- Costs in financial remedy proceedings
- Matrimonialisation
- Businesses and farms
- Case law update
- MPS & LSPO
- Third Parties
- Enforcement
- 15 tips on using forensic accountants

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Programme

"A first-rate family set."

Chambers UK 2025, Family/Matrimonial

9.00 – 9.25am	Registration and refreshments
9.25 – 9.35am	Welcome from Chair Jack Harris, Head of Divorce & Financial Remedy
9.35 – 10.00am	Poacher turned gatekeeper HHJ Charles Hyde KC HHJ Hyde KC will cover allocation; case management; the portal and getting the case trial ready.
10.00 – 10.45am	Part 1: Pre-Nuptial Agreements: Has excess judicial discretion undermined their usefulness? Part 2: A brief overview of costs in financial remedy proceedings Georgina Swinglehurst and Vivien Croly, Barristers
10.45 – 11.00am	15 tips on using forensic accountants Roger Isaacs, Partner and James Hardy, Forensic Director, Milsted Langdon (Sponsor)
11.00 – 11.15am	Morning break
11.15 – 12.00pm	Businesses and farms Zoë Saunders, Head of Family & Divorce and Nick Miller, Barrister Nick and Zoë will take a look at how to deal with these assets on divorce including practical tips on getting the best from experts, dealing with liquidity issues and thinking about how to deal with intervenors.
12.00 – 12.45pm	Isn't divorce taxing enough? Simon Denton, Partner, Milsted Langdon A tour through the tax issues that can arise in a financial settlement.
12.45 – 1.15pm	In the interim: MPS & LSPO Bethany Scarsbrook, Barrister
1.15 – 2.00pm	Lunch

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2.00 – 2.45pm	Case law update Sophie Smith-Holland and Chelsea Bartlett, Barristers Sophie and Chelsea will take you through the need-to-know cases from the last 12 months.	
2.45 – 3.30pm	Matrimonialisation Richard Norman, Barrister	
3.30 – 3.45pm	Afternoon break	
3.45 – 4.30pm	Workshop 1 – Third Parties: what to do when other people are financially entwined with the parties to a divorce. Jacqueline Humphreys and Bethany Scarsbrook, Barristers An interactive discussion of when and how to join third parties to proceedings, and when and how to use third party disclosure orders effectively.	Workshop 2 – Recalcitrant, delinquent, and non-compliant parties Jack Harris, Head of Divorce & Financial Remedy An interactive guide on when and how to enforce financial remedy orders
4.30 – 5.00pm	Panel Discussion	
5.00pm	Close for drinks and canapes	

Barristers

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A strong set with an extensive range of specialist and experienced matrimonial and financial remedy barristers, experienced at handling cross-jurisdictional matters for high-net-worth individuals.

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The Legal 500, 2025

Voted ‘Regional Family Law Chambers of the Year’ at Family Law Awards 2024.



Nick Miller

Year of call: 1994

A reassuring, persuasive advocate, with an eloquent style and client-focused approach.” THE LEGAL 500

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.



Jacqueline Humphreys

Year of call: 1994

Jacqueline never leaves anything behind and she fights hard. ‘For any difficult and complex matters I have, Jacqueline is my go-to. She is an outstanding barrister.’ ‘Jacqueline is robust in her approach and prepares for every case meticulously.’ “ Chambers UK, 2025

Jacqueline is a divorce and financial remedy specialist, with particular expertise in cases with high-value assets and/or complex issues. She is highly ranked in Chambers UK and The Legal 500 guide and has an enviable reputation for being a fierce advocate with an incredible eye for detail and lateral thinking while keeping in mind the bigger picture. Jacqueline is well respected by judges and professional colleagues. Unfazed by the emotional and psychological issues often experienced by people involved in family litigation she is able to reassure nervous clients and calm angry or aggressive ones to help each of them focus on the key issues needing to be addressed to achieve a good negotiated or litigated outcome. Jacqueline is a Mediator in divorce and financial remedy cases.

Barristers



Zoë Saunders

Head of Family & Divorce

Year of call: 2003

"Zoë oozes intelligence and is so well prepared. She knows a case back to front immediately. So impressive." Chambers UK, 2025

Zoë is a financial remedy specialist dealing with complex cases involving significant assets as well as more modest asset cases. She 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 farms and farming businesses, multiple properties, trusts of land, complex pensions and insolvency. Zoe has experience in cases involving confiscation orders and proceeds of crime act issues and international enforcement of maintenance orders.



Richard Norman

Year of call: 2009

"Richard Norman is one of my go-to barristers because he is pragmatic, solution-focused and approachable." Chambers UK, 2025

Richard is a family law specialist with particular expertise in financial remedies (Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 and Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989). Richard was for several years ranked by Chambers UK as the 'up and coming' family law junior on the Western Circuit before moving up the rankings as an expert in his field. Richard has considerable experience of cases involving complex issues such as companies, partnerships, farms, pensions, trusts, tracing assets, enforcement and international jurisdiction to name but a few. Richard acts in cases with asset bases ranging from hundreds of thousands of pounds to multi-million pound disputes.



Jack Harris

Head of Divorce & Financial Remedy

Year of call: 2012

"Jack is the epitome of a family barrister. He has a warm approach to clients and has a laser focus on the most compelling arguments."

Chambers UK, 2025

Jack is frequently instructed in cases with complex issues involving companies, farms, trusts, pensions, pre/post nuptial agreements, foreign and inherited wealth, and cases involving disputes about matrimonial / non-matrimonial property and intervenor issues, as well as cases involving more modest means. An empathetic and pragmatic advocate, Jack is known for his ability swiftly narrow down the key issues. He will strive to achieve settlement wherever possible but will take a robust approach if litigation is inevitable.

Barristers



Bethany Scarsbrook

Year of call: 2014

"Bethany has excellent attention to detail. She has good analytical skills and the ability to process a large amount of complex information."

The Legal 500, 2025

Bethany advises and represents clients in the full range of financial remedy proceedings. Bethany routinely deals with high-net-worth cases involving complex asset structures, trusts, pension issues and assets outside the jurisdiction. She has acted in cases of suspected non-disclosure and urgent applications under Section 37 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973. She is ranked as a leading junior in the Legal 500 and Chambers UK and is described by clients for being razor-sharp in her ability to find the key to the case. Bethany has recently been awarded 1st place in the 2nd Edition HNW Divorce essay competition and described as a 'Future Thought Leader' in high net-worth divorce.



Sophie Smith-Holland

Year of call: 2015

"Sophie is always thoroughly prepared. She has an eye for detail and robustly represents clients in court. Her advice is always clear and concise." The Legal 500, 2025

Sophie is a specialist family law practitioner with a thriving junior practice across all of our family law practice areas. She has extensive experience of representing applicants and respondents at all stages of proceedings, from FDAs, preliminary issue hearings, FDRs and final hearings. Sophie is regularly instructed in cases where there are complex issues concerning third-party interests, non-matrimonial property, non-disclosure and enforcement. Sophie also accepts instructions in relation to applications brought under Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989, either as free-standing or concurrent applications. Sophie co-authors the Financial Remedies Update in the FLBA's "Family Affairs" publication.



Georgina Swinglehurst

Year of call: 2019

"Georgina is always thoroughly prepared, and her in-depth knowledge of the law is apparent in her presentation. Her advocacy skills help in securing the best outcome for the client." The Legal 500, 2025

Georgina is a specialist family law barrister who acts in all areas of private family law, specifically financial remedy proceedings, private children disputes, issues of jurisdiction including international child relocation, cohabitation disputes and applications under the FLA 1996 (domestic violence). Georgina is ranked in the Legal 500 as a "Rising Star (Tier 1)" in the category of divorce and financial remedy. Georgina has experience of dealing with complexities in financial remedy proceedings, including but not limited to issues of non-disclosure of marital assets, setting aside transactions intended to prevent financial relief, obtaining reporting restriction orders for high profile clients within financial proceedings and enforcement and committal applications.

Barristers

"Vivien's goal was to get the best outcome for her client and that she did, whilst showing compassion, understanding and exuding professionalism and competency." Lay Client, Divorce and Financial Remedy



Vivien Croly
Year of call: 2019

Vivien was shortlisted for 'Family Law Young Barrister of the Year' at the Lexis Nexis Family Law Awards 2024.

Vivien represents both applicants and respondents at all stages of the financial remedy process, including mediations, arbitrations and applications made under Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989. She has experience of dealing with complexities including trusts, pensions, property, non-disclosure, setting aside transactions intended to prevent financial relief, pre-acquired / inherited assets, jurisdictional issues, third-party interests, enforcement and applications for MPS / LSPO. Vivien also advises and acts in cohabitation disputes involving ToLATA 1996. Vivien combines a high attention to detail with a sensitive awareness of the emotional strain that can accompany financial remedy proceedings.

"Very articulate on her feet, efficient and well considered in her preparation." Instructing Solicitor



Jenny Wilson
Year of call: 2021

Jenny has developed a busy practice having represented multiple clients in concurrent financial remedies and Children Act proceedings to ensure they benefit from continuity of counsel. Jenny takes a client-centred approach in all matters and has been described as presenting as counsel "with several years under their belt". Jenny regularly represents clients at all stages of financial remedies proceedings including where issues such as conduct, non-disclosure of assets, third party intervenors and enforcement have arisen.

Chelsea is a specialist family law practitioner with a broad practice across all areas of family law.



Chelsea Bartlett
Year of call: 2021

In divorce & financial remedies, Chelsea has a growing practice and appears for applicants and respondents at all stages of the financial remedies process. Alongside her practice in this area, Chelsea has given a seminar on Schedule 1 proceedings to local solicitors and has appeared on the St John's Family Law Podcast channel to discuss domestic abuse as conduct in financial remedy matters. Chelsea is meticulous and approaches cases with a high attention to detail, however, she also brings compassion and sensitivity to her clients.

Speakers



HHJ Hyde KC

His Honour Judge Hyde KC was called to the Bar (Middle Temple) in 1988 and took Silk in 2006. He was appointed as a Recorder in 2005 and he was authorised to sit as a Deputy High Court Judge (Family Division) in 2011. The King appointed Charles Hyde KC to be a Circuit Judge on 1st October 2024.



Roger Isaacs, Partner
Milsted Langdon

Roger is head of the Milsted Langdon forensic team and is a well-respected accountancy expert witness with a great deal of experience in family financial proceedings. He is a member of Resolution and sits on the Editorial Board of the Financial Remedies Journal. Recent judicial references include:

- A “highly professional” expert witness “fully in command of the figures” whose opinions were expressed “both in writing and orally, fluently and convincingly – Mr Justice Mostyn
- Mr Isaacs, the single joint expert accountant, was an impressive witness. His written reports are a model of clarity... In his oral evidence he was measured and able to support his conclusions in a logical manner – Judge Rowland
- Mr Isaacs, was a very impressive expert witness of share valuation... His answers were precise and clear. His knowledge and experience were very evident. Realistically, neither counsel could challenge his evidence – ICC Judge Jones
- A straightforward witness with obvious expertise – Mr Justice Leech



James Hardy,
Forensic Director
Milsted Langdon

James is a Director of Forensic Accounting at Milsted Langdon and a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. He joined Milsted Langdon in June 2023, specialising in forensic accountancy and expert witness instructions, particularly in matrimonial financial proceedings. He has been instructed as a single joint expert to value shares and businesses, assess capital liquidity and maintainable earnings, and the tax implications across a range of industries including the Agriculture, Food and Drink, Leisure, Manufacturing, Motor Trade and Transport, Professional Services, Property and Retail sectors. James regularly lectures and writes on forensic accountancy and has been published in the Financial Remedies Journal.

Speakers



Simon Denton, Head of Tax
Milsted Langdon

Simon is Head of Tax at Milsted Langdon. He has been a tax adviser for nearly 30 years and for more than half of that time has been taking SJE engagements on potential tax liabilities arising on marital breakdown.

He is a member the ICAEW, CIOT and STEP.

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