



Albion
Chambers

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LLB (Nottingham), Masters in Business Administration (Liverpool)

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Specialist Areas:

Matrimonial Finance

Practice Overview:

David Chidgey specialises in matrimonial finance and trusts of land cases.

He is recognised for his ability to provide clear advice and persuasive advocacy.

David has substantial advocacy experience and focuses on getting home the points which will make a difference to his client's case.

He believes it is important that the law is made as clear as possible to those who are affected by it. He has a website with over 40 video recordings which explain the divorce process in clear language: www.davidondivorce.co.uk. There is also an accompanying book.

David is the editor of the Albion Chambers Matrimonial Finance newsletter. He is also a member of the Albion Chambers Management Committee.

Feedback from clients and solicitors:

"I was delighted with your choice of Counsel for X. How refreshing to find Counsel so well prepared, not just for a directions hearing but with a thorough grasp on the whole case". Friend of client.

"Thanks for yesterday, I felt client in safe and exceptionally well prepared hands". Solicitor

"Thank you for your impressive work which was, I am sure, vital to obtaining this result". Solicitor

"I should like to thank you for negotiating a settlement in Mrs X's case yesterday. I appreciate your patience and calm determination in the face of a cross and intransigent husband". Solicitor

"David, thank you for your understanding and patience... I am pleased with the outcome as the more I think about it, the luckier I feel. You were very attentive but professional and I really appreciate your words of advice". Client

Training provided:

- Enforcement of family financial orders: a practical guide
- Maintenance pending suit and legal services orders
- Child maintenance: "the gross income scheme"
- Financial Remedies Update: "Maintenance how long and how much"
- Update on interveners in Financial Remedies proceedings
- The principles of equitable accounting

Publications:

- A trust deed, is that it for all time, *Albion Matrimonial Finance Newsletter*
- Equitable accounting: ifs, buts and maybes, *Albion Family Newsletter*
- For better or worse: financial remedies and the proceeds of crime, *Family Law Journal*, July 2014
- *Vince v Wyatt*: abuse of process, *Albion Family Newsletter*
- Add-backs: Moylan J tries to close the door, *Albion Family Newsletter*
- Third parties and wasted costs, *Albion Family Newsletter*
- Non-disclosure, what's to be done, *Albion Family Newsletter*
- Author of section regarding the forfeiture of detained money under The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 in *Jordan's Magistrates' Courts Criminal Practice*.

Areas of Practice

Matrimonial Finance

- Applications for financial remedies: Applicants, Respondents and Intervenors.
- Cases involving The Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996. (Proprietary interests between cohabitants and unmarried couples).
- Applications for financial Provision under Schedule 1 of The Children Act 1989.
- Housing and maintenance for unmarried couples with children

Matrimonial Finance

M v M: represented Wife from Turkey. Argument about length of marriage and delay in making claim. Substantial award ordered at final hearing.

F v F: represented Wife from Wales. Significant delay since application. Award made at final hearing to meet housing needs.

G v G: represented Husband from south west. Dealt with "add-back" arguments in relation to Husband's spending.

A v A: represented Wife from Midlands. Argument over shop business. Final hearing. Departure from equality in favour of Wife.

O v B: represented Wife from London. Successfully showed Husband had hidden assets.

C v C: represented Wife from Devon. Case involved argument that the assets were proceeds of crime. Majority of assets to Wife.

S v S: represented Wife from south west. Farming case. Successfully argued that farmland should be sold to finance lump sum for Wife.

R v R: represented Husband from Midlands. Parties owned a substantial haulage business and a farm. Final hearing.

C v C: represented Wife from Wales: Applications for maintenance pending suit and funding for legal costs, assets hidden in Isle of Man.

A v A: represented Wife from south west: Husband chief executive of plc. Successfully negotiated lump sum settlement and substantial maintenance.

Trusts of land

H v H: represented elderly lady whose relatives had taken the sale proceeds of a house. Successfully negotiated repayment of all monies at mediation.

G v L: represented a lady who invested in a property with her daughter in Cornwall. Settlement successfully negotiated.

B v W: represented a family who had provided the money for their daughter-in-law to buy a portfolio of properties in Bristol. Court found the family owned all of the properties.

Schedule 1

F v B: represented a lady from Devon who had a daughter and needed somewhere to live. Order made settling father's property on child.

C v C: represented lady who had a child with a man working in the insurance industry. Issues as to funding the claim.

K v H: represented father in a "big money" case where mother sought funding for her legal costs to pursue a schedule 1 claim.

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