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Education

LLB (Hons), BA (Hons)

Beyond the Bar

Andrew is a school Governor

Appointments

Deputy District Judge (Family and Civil)

Family CV

Overview

Andrew's matrimonial finance practice often involves high net worth individuals but also includes lower value cases. His experience includes hidden assets, business assets, and cases involving multiple properties, complex pensions, property in foreign jurisdictions, pre- and post nuptial agreements and third party assets. He also acts in TOLATA cases.

He has much experience of private Children Act matters and injunctions, from early stages through to final hearings, including finding of fact hearings. He is experienced in cases involving domestic violence and alienation.

He seeks to establish and prioritise the practical needs and wishes of his clients, to negotiate strong settlements where possible, and to provide robust advocacy where it is not. Whilst sensitive and empathetic to the situations facing his clients, he offers firm, independent and realistic advice, whilst adopting a practical and proactive approach.

He sits as a Deputy District Judge in family and civil cases.

Recommendations

“His personable manner makes it easy for him to deal with clients and solicitors alike.”
Legal 500 2015

“Experienced in conducting multi-day hearings.” - **Legal 500 2014**

“Knowledgeable and enthusiastic.” - **Legal 500 2013**

Cases

A claim where an IT expert was alleged to have hidden business assets, hidden bank accounts and dissipated joint assets, including ISAs and funds from joint accounts;

A claim where Husband previously ran a very profitable business, but was near-penniless at time of proceedings. An allegation was raised that his new partner was merely a 'shield' for his ongoing business activity;

An application to vary periodical payments, where Husband was unrepresented at trial, but life PPOs were ordered after short marriage;

Acting for Wife where Husband failed to pay the lump sum ordered at final hearing. Husband was committed to prison;

Acting for the son of the parties in order to secure his interest in property which was disputed by his Mother;

Acting for the Husband where the Wife ran her own seaside business. Allegations were made of undeclared assets;

A claim involving the question of Wife's ability to generate substantial income as dentist, following years spent raising the children.

Seminars and articles include Pre-Nuptial Agreements and *Petrodel –v- Prest*: Securing Business Assets.