

The Divorce Super Conference, 7th & 8th July, London

8.30 Registration - 7th July

Day One Chaired by John Cornwell, Dawson Cornwell

9.15 Daniel Leafe, Barrister, Albion Chambers
Top 5 Legal Updates

9.45 Lucie Alhadeff, Withers
Short Marriages

- Miller- a reminder of the key principles;
- McCartney-Mills- how does this take us forward;
- Matrimonial/non matrimonial assets;
- Practical tips for running a short marriage case;
- Tools to protect the wealthier client prior to a potentially short marriage-prenups/trusts;
- When is a short marriage a long one.

10.15 Suzanne Kingston, Dawsons

- Prenups – types and who for?
- Evolution of prenups
- Important cases
- What is the position following Radmacher and Granatino in the Supreme Court.
- Rise of the postnup
- Collaborative prenups and postnups
- Cross border prenups and postnups
- Where next?

11.00 Morning Break

11.15 Simon Calhaem 29 Bedford Row
TOLATA

- Does your client have an interest ?
- Quantifying an interest post Stack v Dowden and Abbott v. Abbott
- Realising an interest
- Tips

11.50 Gilly Stanley, 1 Garden Court
Disclosure & Discovery

- What is the duty of full and frank disclosure?
- Are there repercussions in other areas from this?
- What are the duties placed upon solicitors?
- What do you do if you suspect hidden assets?
- How much self help is permitted?
- What help does the court give?
- Is full disclosure always required?
- Penalties of failing to give full and frank disclosure

12.40 Open Forum Questions

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Emma Harte, Partner, Alexiou Fisher Philips
The use of ADR in recession

- Making your client aware of the options
- When is mediation suitable
- When is collaborative law suitable
- The use of ADR to deal with specific issues
- The use of counsel in ADR
- Privilege in ADR
- ADR in international cases
- Cost effectiveness of ADR

14.45 Barbara Simpson, Partner, Boodle Hatfield
What is the future for Part II M & F P Act 1984 following the decision in Akinnoye-Agbaje

- Political and jurisdictional origins of the Act.
- Developments in case law in the last 25 year.
- Background facts of Akinnoye-Agbaje and what happened in the High Court and Court of Appeal.
- The decision of the Supreme Court and its rationale.
- What this means to practitioners as the attractions of “second bite of the cherry” applications increase in this “divorce capital” of the world.

15.30 Caroline Wilbourne, 1 Garden Court
What is a judge looking for from an advocate?

- How to present your case attractively, by assertion and omission.
- Turning PD documents to your advantage.
- How to make your best point compelling.
- How to cross-examine effectively and briefly.
- Managing your client’s expectations of the judge.

16.15 Open Forum - 16.30 Close of Day One

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CRITICAL CASE

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Day Two Chaired by James Stewart, Manches

9.15 James Copson, Withers
Sharing Pensions

- Information gathering
- Valuation issues
- Traps for the unwary
- Instructing experts
- Pension sharing and attachment: some practical points
- Use of IFAs
- International pension sharing
- Topical issues

10.00 William Massey, Partner, Farrer & co
Dealing with trusts,

- Family Court’s approach to trusts on divorce.
- Charman.
- Court’s powers.
- Nuptial settlements.
- Non-nuptial settlements.
- Judicious encouragement.
- Sham.
- Setting aside.
- Obtaining information.
- Joinder of trustees.
- Special considerations regarding offshore trusts.

10.45 Morning Break

11.00 Gareth Scofield, Clarke Willmott
Dealing with insolvency in family proceedings

- The basics of bankruptcy.
- How does bankruptcy affect occupation of the matrimonial home?
- Bankruptcy pre the ancillary relief order.
- Bankruptcy after the ancillary relief order.
- Hill v Haines and Ball v Jones.
- Bankruptcy as a means of enforcement.
- Bankrupt clients and your costs.

11 SRA CPD POINTS

11.45 David Liddell, PKF
Liquidity and Extraction –
How to fund settlements

- How to identify whether a business can provide a lump sum to fund a settlement
- If so, how can the lump sum be extracted?
- If the business is a company, what are the tax consequences of the different ways of extracting a lump sum?

12.30 Plenary Session on the morning topics

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Margaret Hatwood, Partner, Antony Gold Solicitors,
Dealing with reluctant respondents

- Dealing with litigants in person
- Disclosure issues
- Use of penal notices.
- The respondent in denial
- The ostrich
- Enforcement issues.

14.40 Harry Oliver, 1 Kings Bench Walk
Freezing Orders

- Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 s.37 - legal principles
- Freezing orders under the inherent jurisdiction – legal principles
- The Family Division “Test”
- “Ordinary Course of Business” exceptions
- Ancillary orders
- Ex parte Applications
- Undertakings in Damages

15.30 Katherine Kelsey, 1 Kings Bench Walk
Privilege Issues

- Core Principles
- Legal Advice Privilege
- Litigation Privilege
- Losing / Claiming Privilege
- Without Prejudice Communications
- Privilege against Self-Incrimination

16. 15 Close of Conference

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About the Conference

Back in January this year, we launched our first family/financial event for family practitioners. That event was a huge success with over 160 delegates attending. There is only so much that can be covered in just one day which is why we have organised what we think is one of the most comprehensive divorce conferences in England.

We have selected sixteen leading and rising stars to cover many of the typical issues family law practitioners will face in day-to-day client dealings. 2010 is also a busy year for key cases such as Akinnoye-Agbaje and Radmacher and Granatino. Both these and more will be covered in depth.

Not only do we have a highly skilled speaker line-up, the cost to attend has also been set to reflect the fact that many family practitioners work on tight budgets. The cost to attend the whole conference is just £299 + VAT! Furthermore, you can select which day(s) are most relevant. You can mix and match with other colleagues making your booking totally flexible.

About the Conference Chairs

Day One - John Cornwell, Senior Partner, Dawson Cornwell
 John is an innovator for change in family law. He was the founder and first national chairman of Resolution (formerly the Solicitors Family Law Association). This is the leading organisation representing family lawyers in England and Wales with nearly 5,000 members. John was also instrumental in the development of mediation in England and Wales. He was a co-founder in 1988 of the Family Mediators Association. In 2007, John was awarded a place in The Lawyer magazine's Hall of Fame for having founded Resolution. John has been a Deputy District Judge of the Principal Registry of the Family Division of the High Court since 1986. He is a member of the Resolution Pension Sharing Committee and the Reunite Mediation Steering Group.

Day Two - James Stewart, Partner, Manches
 James Stewart is a partner in Manches' family department and deals with all aspects of family law, especially complex financial cases which often have an international dimension, and is widely regarded as a family lawyer with a commercial edge. James is a Governor of the International Academy of International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (IAML), a member of the International Section of the American Bar Association (ABA) and a Resolution Accredited Specialist Family Lawyer. He has acted in a number of significant cases, including the landmark family/Human Rights Act case of Clibbery -v- Allan [2002], for the successful Claimant in the widely reported cohabitation case of Cox -v- Jones [2004] and for the mother in the case of Re: C (A Child: Financial Provision) [2006], where his client received the highest capital award of its kind in this jurisdiction.



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Hear from 16 leading speakers

This conference won't cost the earth to attend!

Analyse the major developments in divorce law

Evaluate how recent cases may impact upon your clients

Network with a large number of family law practitioners

Ability to ask questions in a relaxed environment

Get up to 11 SRA CPD Points