Mark Lyne



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Finance

Mark is a specialist financial remedies barrister. His practice focuses and on complex matters where there are often high value assets, both on and off shore. He is known to have a cool head and sensible approach in often complex legal, and emotionally charged, situations.

His expertise includes advising and representing clients in financial remedies cases against spouses in marriage, children following parents' divorce and those seeking a civil partnership dissolution. He also advises and acts for third parties, interveners, who may have an interest which they seek to protect in divorce proceedings. Whether that be parents, siblings, companies or organisations or trustees.

He has specific expertise in advising on matters where there are international assets involved and where there are allegations of undue influence.

Mark also has substantial experience of Schedule 1 matters, and applications for financial remedies for children by unmarried parents. As well as TOLATA disputes with cohabitant couples.

Notable cases:

- **K v K** - Matter involving secret assets in Pakistan. Encompassing consideration of land encroachment impact in Karachi
- **P v P** – Substantial assets in India. Had to take in to consideration the effect of wife's charitable donations in India.
- **M v S** – Advising on which jurisdiction to commence divorce proceedings, in UK or in Spain, where the law on pre-existing capital assets is different.
- **Re RH** – Centring around a separation agreement. Husband argued that mental health considerations diluted the quality of the agreement even where the agreement negotiated through solicitors.
- **K v K** - Wife's application to set aside a final Consent order on the grounds of undue influence and misrepresentation; considerations of the impact of delay (Norman v Norman, Wv H, Birkett v James)
- **C v C** – Regarding a short marriage with children. Consideration of the meaning of adjusting without undue financial hardship (C v C [1997]), and analysing the Court expectations for returning to work.
- **L v L** - A Lithuanian divorce. Both domicile in UK, with assets in Lithuania and UK. Application for financial relief under Part III of the Matrimonial and Financial Proceedings Act 1984.

Recommendations

"I have known and instructed Mark for most of my professional career. He is accomodating, easy to instruct, empathetic, and

communicates well with both clients and judges alike. Mark can be relied upon to give solid, practical and effective advice, and I would have absolutely no hesitation in recommending Mark as a first class advocate and lawyer."

Graham Simm, Family Law Partner at Oerton Simm

"I have had the pleasure of knowing Mark for many years, but only recently had the need to engage him professionally. Mark was thoughtful, empathetic but above all, clear and concise in his professional views on what was reasonable and how best to achieve the desired outcome. I have no hesitation in recommending Mark as an expert and personable barrister who gets results in a fair and balanced way."

Kevin Gemmel, Country Manager, Atlantis Healthcare

Academic qualifications

Downing College, Cambridge – BA (CANTAB)

Professional bodies

Family Law Bar Association