

Esther Lieu

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Finance

Esther has a busy practice in financial remedies (from pre-nuptial and separation agreements through to contested final hearings), including applications brought under ToLATA and Schedule 1. She is a forceful negotiator at an FDR and balances the costs of further of litigation against the overarching aim of achieving the best outcome for her client. In particular she has experience of the following:

- Applications brought under ToLATA including equitable accounting claims
- Maintenance applications (brought under MCA 1973, Schedule 1 CA 1989 and CSA 1991)
- Interveners and third party interests
- Inherited wealth
- Non-matrimonial property
- Variation and enforcement applications
- Applications for financial relief following overseas divorce (MFPA 1984)
- Applications for injunctive relief

Recent cases

H v H (2019)

Acted for the husband in a case that involved the wife's receipt of a significant inheritance at the time of separation, and the death of the husband's mother during proceedings resulting in his own inheritance (that was tied up with other family members).

B v A (2019)

Represented the father in an application brought under Schedule 1 CA1989 by the mother for child maintenance to extend beyond the child's 18th birthday on account of special circumstances.. Both applications were successfully opposed following detailed analysis of the Child Support Act 1991.

M v M (2017), J v C (2017), K v M (2017)

Advice provided in several cases concerning division of property owned by un-married couples, to include instances where there was no declaration of trust, an application to set aside a declaration of trust, calculation of beneficial interests and claims for equitable accounting.

P v P (2017)

Acted for the Russian wife in protracted proceedings which included successfully obtaining permission to apply for financial relief following an overseas divorce in the Royal Courts of Justice, obtaining injunctive relief against the husband's attempt to dissipate assets, countering the husband's father's claim to a third party interest in the property and achieving a very positive

outcome at final hearing.

Recommendations

"None of this would have been possible without your help and support – I am thrilled with the result and will always be incredibly grateful to you."

Client

"Thank you for everything – for all the practical guidance, sound advice and the perfectionism with which you always drafted the pleadings and documents, all of which brought L to this point."

Client

"I have felt very well supported by you throughout your involvement in this case and could not have been more confident in your representation of me in the court room"

Client

"I just wanted to email to pass on my thanks as Esther has been fantastic and greatly helped with settling the financial case for the client as well as previously settling the children act case for another client as well."

Solicitor

"Esther Lieu was outstanding, she was supportive and explained my options very clearly. She was very understanding and knowledgeable."

Client

Academic qualifications

- College of Law, BPTC (Merit) 2012
- Inner Temple Exhibition Scholar 2011
- College of Law, GDL (Commendation) 2011
- University of London, MA – Human Rights (Merit) 2006
- University of Bristol, BSc – Philosophy and Psychology (2:1) 2005

Professional bodies

- Family Law Bar Association (Treasurer, Western Circuit)
- Human Rights Lawyers Association
- Immigration Law Practitioners' Association (previously a Trustee)