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Overview

Hamish Dunlop is an experienced family law advocate.

Hamish's family law practice is concerned with the financial claims of: spouses on divorce; co-habitees upon separation and dependants from the estate of a deceased. In the context of financial provision on divorce, he has particular expertise in cases involving family businesses; professional clients and the military.

He advises and represents co-habitees, co owners and other family members on property issues including legal and beneficial ownerships and promissory and proprietary estoppel.

Hamish was shortlisted for Junior Barrister of the Year at the 2019 Family Law Awards. He was also, until 2012, the Chair of the Hampshire Family Justice Money and Property Committee. He is regularly invited to lecture at external conferences and offers bespoke in-house training seminars for clients.

Hamish is also a clinical negligence specialist. His practice includes high value claims and he advises on personal and medical short term and long term care and life time housing requirements where appropriate. Hamish's recent important cases have involved failures in GP referrals leading to cauda equina lesions and subarachnoid haemorrhage. His claims against Hospital specialists have included: A&E Departments; obstetrics; orthopaedic and general surgery.

He also has a strong practice in personal injury and product liability claims.

Hamish is experienced in claims involving: housing requirements; lifetime care and complex dependency claims.

Recommendations

Hamish Dunlop of 3PB Barristers continues to manage a broad clinical negligence practice that encompasses cases concerning obstetric and orthopaedic injuries, including negligence stemming from general surgery. He offers a wealth of experience in complex dependency claims, as well as claims involving housing requirements and lifetime care.

"He is a first-class counsel and is highly recommended."
"Hamish is a diligent barrister with great attention to detail, and he has excellent client care skills, particularly when dealing with sensitive and often tragic medical negligence cases."
Chambers UK 2027/Clinical Negligence/Western Bar - ranked in Band 1

"Hamish Dunlop is technically very good. He has excellent bedside manners. His drafting is excellent."
"Hamish's preparation and paperwork are excellent. He is very capable and reassuring. His experience shines through his handling of issues and having difficult conversations with clients."
Chambers UK 2027/Family/Matrimonial Finance/Western Bar

"His experience shines through in his handling of high pressure situations in court and in has handling of difficult conversations with clients. In addition, his preparation and paperwork are unmatched in my experience."
"Hamish is a delight to work with and very good with lay clients."
Chambers UK 2027/Family/Matrimonial Finance/London Bar

'Hamish is very diligent and goes to great lengths to get to grips with the details of cases - such attention to detail has helped us win on strongly contested cases. His client care skills are excellent, and he is very good at addressing sensitive topics with clients in a professional manner.'
Legal 500 2027/Clinical negligence/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit - Tier 1

'Hamish is exceptionally prepared. He is forensic in his approach and has strong attention to detail. Hamish has an amazing ability to make even the most complex case seem simple with his clear explanation of each issue. Hamish is exemplary as an FDR Judge - he is prompt with communication and puts the parties at ease with his charming manner and people skills. Hamish is fair and methodical. The Bar and legal profession are very lucky to have Hamish Dunlop, and I, as a Solicitor, am always very grateful to work with Hamish.'
Legal 500 2027/Family: Private FDR Judges and Arbitrators/London

'Hamish is a very charming barrister who works tirelessly to achieve the best outcome for his client. He is astute and thinks strategically, which in certain cases is hugely important.'
Legal 500 2027/Family/(Divorce and Financial Remedy)/Western Circuit - Tier 1
Legal 500 2027/Family/(Divorce and Financial Remedy)/London
Legal 500 2027/Family/(Divorce and Financial Remedy)/Midland

"He is very technical, forensic and detailed. Hamish is very approachable and good with clients."
"First-class service from Hamish."
"Hamish is diligent and thorough in all aspects of his work. He is brilliant with clients and handles sensitive issues with care. I regularly entrust complex cases to him."
Chambers UK 2026/Clinical Negligence/Western Bar - ranked in Band 1

Hamish Dunlop is head of the family finance group at 3PB Barristers and an authority in the field of finance-based family law. He routinely assists with cases involving land ownership, properties, businesses and inherited wealth.
"Hamish is extremely reassuring and direct in his approach to case analysis, he is always flawless in his preparation."
Chambers UK 2026/Family/Matrimonial Finance/Western Bar

Hamish Dunlop heads the sub-set and focuses his practice on all financial cases arising from the dissolution of relationships, including hereditary cases and Schedule 1 matters. His particular areas of expertise include cases involving family businesses and property-based assets.
"His understanding of complex financial issues, combined with his meticulous attention to detail, ensures that his clients receive comprehensive and strategic advice tailored to their unique needs."
"Hamish's advocacy and attention to detail are excellent."
Chambers UK 2026/Family/Matrimonial Finance/London Bar

Hamish Dunlop is ‘exemplary in his field, having a very thorough and in-depth knowledge of clinical claims‘ and ‘an authoritative but open and friendly presence which makes clients warm towards him‘.
He has an amazing logical approach, enabling him to break down the most complex of issues. He is excellent in court.'
Legal 500 2026/Clinical negligence/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit - Tier 1

Hamish Dunlop has ‘a depth of knowledge and experience at his fingertips’, and continues to act on financial remedy cases involving family farms and businesses.
Hamish is a distinguished barrister. His advocacy style is both assertive and measured, providing a strong presence in court. He is able to build strong, trusting relationships with clients.'
Legal 500 2026/Family/(Divorce and Financial Remedy)/Western Circuit - Tier 1

Hamish Dunlop is ranked in the **Legal 500 2026**/Family/(Divorce and Financial Remedy)/London Bar

Strengths: "Hamish is an expert financial remedy barrister, who is great for complex cases with intricate issues and difficult

technical aspects of the law."
Chambers UK 2025/Family/Matrimonial Finance/London Bar

'Hamish is very thorough and well-prepared.'
Legal 500 2025/Family/(Divorce and Financial Remedy)/London Bar

Strengths: "Hamish is very well prepared and he has an eye for detail."
"Hamish is an expert financial remedy barrister and his expertise is welcomed on complex cases with intricate issues and difficult technical aspects of the law."
Chambers UK 2025/Family/Matrimonial Finance/Western Bar

Hamish Dunlop heads the family finance group and is praised for `meticulous preparation, careful attention to detail' and longstanding experience of handling financial remedy cases involving family businesses and farms.
3PB `Hamish is an assured and competent barrister. He is excellent on his feet and a great negotiator.'
Legal 500 2025/Family/(Divorce and Financial Remedy)/Western Circuit - Tier 1

Strengths: "His client care skills are second to none."
"Hamish always prepares cases thoroughly and gets to grips with the details and nuances of claims."
Chambers UK 2025/Clinical Negligence/Western Bar - ranked in Band 1

Hamish Dunlop has an established clinical negligence practice, handling complex matters involving claims against hospital specialists and cases concerning the failure to identify and adequately treat the onset of such life-changing conditions and has `strong interpersonal and communication skills'.
`Hamish is an exceptional barrister with excellent attention to detail. He is extremely eloquent, and his advocacy skills are brilliant.
Legal 500 2025/Clinical negligence/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit - Tier 1

Strengths: "He's very well prepared and has an eye for detail and a nice client manner. He is a very good advocate with a nice forensic mind."
Chambers UK 2024/Family/Matrimonial Finance/London Bar

3PB `Hamish is a strong advocate who is entirely comfortable in front of any judge at any level. He is persuasive and authoritative, and his gravitas earns him the respect of the bench and opponents alike.'
Legal 500 2024/Family (Including Divorce and Financial Remedy)/London Bar

Strengths: "Hamish is very experienced and his client care skills are no doubt second to none."
"He's a smooth advocate."
"He has a nice forensic mind, is excellent and persistent about the right points."
"Hamish Dunlop is very well prepared, with an eye for detail."
Chambers UK 2024/Family/Matrimonial Finance/Western Bar

Hamish Dunlop, with particular expertise in cases involving family businesses and inherited wealth, has a `very persuasive manner in court'.
`Hamish is well-prepared, takes a pragmatic approach and his delivery is always spot on. He is a smooth operator and a real star in his field.'
Legal 500 2024/Family/(Divorce and Financial Remedy)/Western Circuit - Tier 1

Strengths: "Hamish is a charming and persuasive advocate."
Chambers UK 2024/Clinical Negligence/Western Bar

The `precise, insightful, and organised` Hamish Dunlop is regularly instructed in relation to high-value and medically complex claims and has recently acted in cases concerning the failure to identify and adequately treat the onset of such life-changing conditions as cauda equina lesions and subarachnoid haemorrhages.
`He is personable and tactful with clients and diligent and committed to achieving the best outcome.'
Legal 500 2024/Clinical Negligence/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit - Tier 1

Hamish Dunlop heads the sub-set and focuses his practice on all financial cases arising from the dissolution of relationships, including hereditary cases and Schedule 1 matters. His particular areas of expertise include cases involving family businesses and property-based assets.
Strengths: "He's got huge experience and a very sensible manner; clients feel very comfortable with him. A personable, measured, diligent and impressive barrister."
"Hamish Dunlop is always courteous, insightful and never rushed. A joy to work with as an instructing solicitor, he is popular with judges and well respected by other advocates."
Chambers UK 2023/Family/Matrimonial Finance/London Bar

`Hamish is a superb advocate. He juggles complex facts with ease and exudes confidence in court.'
Legal 500 2023/Family (Including Divorce and Financial Remedy)/London Bar

Hamish Dunlop is head of the family finance group at 3PB and an authority in the field of finance-based family law. He routinely assists with cases involving land ownership, properties, businesses and inherited wealth.
Strengths: "Hamish is an exceptional and eloquent advocate. His client manner is superb, and his ability to communicate with the client is very well measured."
"He is incredibly knowledgeable and thorough."
"Hamish is an exceptional barrister, especially on technical matters involving complex assets."
Chambers UK 2023/Family/Matrimonial Finance/Western Bar

Family finance team head Hamish Dunlop is `always exceptionally well-prepared`, with an excellent track record in advising on complex matrimonial finance cases.
'Hamish can charm the birds from the trees. His empathy and ability to deal with emotional clients is brilliant. He is caring, kind and considerate, but can deliver firm advice robustly yet sensitively. His knowledge of the law is formidable, and his attention to detail is fabulous. It is clear that he is always prepared.'
Legal 500 2023/Family/Divorce and Financial Remedy)/Western Circuit - Tier 1

Strengths: "He has a good eye for detail."
"Hamish is diligent and thorough in getting to grips with issues in the most complex of clinical negligence cases. He has a friendly and approachable manner with clients."
Chambers UK 2023/Clinical Negligence/Western Bar

The `strong advocate` Hamish Dunlop is instructed in cases involving negligent surgical procedures, missed or delayed diagnoses, and cerebral palsy.
'Hamish is diligent and calm, and has a very good manner of dealing with clients and experts. He is logical, personable, approachable, and knowledgeable.'
Legal 500 2023/Clinical Negligence/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit - Tier 1

Strengths: "He's a good negotiator on matrimonial finance matters."
Chambers UK 2022/Family/Matrimonial Finance/London Bar

`Hamish is a very capable advocate who maintains his composure in pressurised situations. His technical ability and analysis of complex matters is first-rate. '
Legal 500 2022/Family (Including Divorce and Financial Remedy)/London Bar

Head of the family finance group at 3PB and an authority in the field of finance-based family law. He routinely assists with cases involving land ownership, properties, businesses and inherited wealth. He is noted by sources for his experience in financial proceedings and his court manner.
Strengths: "Hamish is a very thorough and diligent barrister who covers every relevant point meticulously and does not do half-measures." "He is great with clients, has a good eye for detail, flexible in his approach and has real commitment to a case."
Chambers UK 2022/Family/Matrimonial Finance/Western Bar

` Hamish brings a wealth of legal experience when dealing with financial matters. Clients are immediately put at ease by his knowledge but also by his warm and friendly disposition. '
Legal 500 2022/Family/Divorce and Financial Remedy)/Western Circuit

Strengths: "Very personable and good with clients. He sets out a clear and detailed approach to the evidence and issues in a case."
Chambers UK 2022/Clinical Negligence/Western Bar

'He has a meticulous eye, and handles complex issues in a way clients understand.'
Legal 500 2022/Clinical Negligence/Leading Juniors/Western Circuit

Strengths: "Supremely clever and a great communicator." "Able to take on board a lot of information in a short amount of time, he is an astute advocate."
Chambers UK 2021/Family/Matrimonial Finance/London Bar

Strengths: "He has an amazing ability to take on board a lot of information in a short amount of time and is such a sharp and astute advocate."
Chambers UK 2021/Family/Matrimonial Finance/Western Bar

'Hamish has a real eye for detail and is excellent with clients. He is excellent on financial divorce cases and TOLATA, one of the teams go to barristers. Very clear, excellent advocate, fantastic preparation and a sparkling personality.'
"Hamish Dunlop is noted for his expertise in financial cases involving family businesses and inherited wealth."
Legal 500 2021/Divorce and financial remedy/Leading Juniors

Strengths: "He is very user-friendly, approachable and happy to talk through the issues in a case."
Chambers UK 2021/Clinical Negligence/Western Bar

'Provides excellent in-depth analysis with an eye for the key facts of the case, and is superb with clients, opponents and judges.'
Legal 500 2021/Clinical negligence/Leading juniors

Strengths: "Brilliant in court and knows when to speak and when not to. He's a careful planner, who's meticulous with everything and covers all bases."
Recent work: Appeared in Owens v Owens, representing the respondent husband in a petition for divorce.
Chambers UK 2020/Family/Matrimonial Finance/London Bar

Head of the national family group at 3PB and an authority in the field of finance-based family law. He concentrates on litigating claims relating to separation, divorce and inheritance and deals with assets of all kinds, often in multiple jurisdictions. He is noted for his knowledge of wider commercial and military issues.
Strengths: "Hamish Dunlop is a formidable barrister with the ability to think laterally and give practical, simple options in the most complex of cases. He has great attention to detail and is always well prepared. He can cut through the detail and gives pragmatic and sensible advice." "He's very measured and clear in his approach and advice. He is an excellent team player for complex matters requiring careful and considered attention."
Chambers UK 2020/Family Matrimonial/Western

'A lateral thinker who is always meticulously prepared.'
Legal 500 2020/Family and children law/Leading juniors

Strengths: "He's got a very analytical brain: he tends to cut to the chase and is very good on damages and finances." "He is extremely thorough and very careful in everything he says and does."
Chambers UK 2020/Clinical Negligence

'Commands attention in court.'
Legal 500 2020/Clinical negligence/Leading juniors

"Hamish is outstanding with numbers; he's like a human calculator." "He is very well prepared, and has a nice client manner and good judgement. He's analytical and possessed of a good mind."
Recent work: Represented the respondent in a petition for divorce in the case of Owens v Owens. After Mrs Owens's appeal was dismissed by the Court of Appeal, the case has now gone to the Supreme Court.
Chambers UK 2019/Family Matrimonial Finance/London Bar

"Thorough, meticulous, pragmatic and a great advocate on his feet."
Recent work: Represented the respondent in Owens v Owens, a much-publicised petition for divorce based on allegations of unreasonable behaviour.
Chambers UK 2019/Family Matrimonial/Western

`Highly recommended for financial provision cases.'
Legal 500 2018/19/Family and children law/Leading juniors

"Exceptionally good advocate and very skilled in negotiations." "He is excellent with clients and experts, knowledgeable and experienced in a variety of matters from complex orthopaedic claims to laparoscopic surgery." "Very good in court and does not get fazed if information is provided at the last minute."
Chambers UK 2019/Clinical Negligence

`Well known for his expertise in clinical negligence matters.'
Legal 500 2018/19/Personal injury and clinical negligence/Leading juniors

'A popular choice among claimants for challenging cases, he is especially renowned for his strength in cauda equina matters. He also handles catastrophic brain injury and birth injury cases stemming from failures in general practice.'
Strengths: "He's very good at breaking things down and getting to the root of legal and medical issues. In conferences he reins clients in, manages their expectations and explains the area in a way they can understand." "He handles tricky cases very well. He's good with the client and is good on detail."
Chambers UK 2018/Clinical Negligence

`He builds affinity with clients and wins their confidence very quickly.'
Legal 500 2017/Family and children law/Leading juniors

'Recognised for his approach to complex cases, he demonstrates particular expertise in handling cauda equina matters. He provides additional support on care and housing requirements, as well as on dependency claims.
Strengths: "He is very thorough and approachable." "His real strength is in the testing of evidence. He can focus on factual evidence and chronology very well."
Chambers UK 2017/Clinical Negligence

`Very experienced across the spectrum of personal injury law.'
Legal 500 2017/Personal injury and clinical negligence/Leading juniors

'Has a strong practice focus on clinical negligence work, with complementary experience in the related areas of care and housing requirements for the afflicted. He particularly specialises in dependency claims being brought by spouses, children and partners.
Strengths: "His strengths are the way he handles sensitive clients with serious injuries, emotional clients, and his technical ability." "His attention to detail, responsiveness and client care are the best of the best."'
Chambers UK 2016/Clinical Negligence

'He has excellent rapport with clients and is truly knowledgeable in the complex field of financial remedy.'
Legal 500 2016/Family and children law & Personal injury and clinical negligence/Leading juniors

'Undertakes a wide range of work, with proficiency in cases relating to accommodation needs and lifetime care. In addition, he specialises in dependency claims brought forward by partners and children.
Expertise: "He's extremely user-friendly and clicks very well with clients."'
Chambers UK 2015/Clinical Negligence

'He has a fantastic rapport with clients and really knows his stuff'
Legal 500 2015/Family and children law & Personal injury and clinical negligence/Leading juniors

'...barrister with a significant reputation in the field. He is noted for his expertise in high-value serious injury and fatality claims.
Expertise: "He has extreme attention to detail and exceptional client care skills." "He is brilliant. I always recommend him as

my first choice for clients."'
Chambers UK 2014/Clinical Negligence

'Highly skilled in respect of pleadings, court presence and dealing with experts.'
Legal 500 2014/Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence

'Precise and thorough'
Legal 500 2014/Family

'Always conducts himself with the utmost professionalism'
Legal 500 2013/Family

'Court demeanour is controlled and eloquent'.
Legal 500 2012/Family

''I engaged Hamish on a Direct Access Basis from Canada. His attention to detail, consideration, intelligence, and thoughtfulness was outstanding in the case to a successful outcome, in winning the case. I recommend him highly and I believe you would be lucky to secure his services.''
Shamila Mackie, Direct Access Client

Professional qualifications & appointments

- Accredited Mediation Advocate

Professional bodies

- Family Law Bar Association
- Western Circuit

Expertise

Family

Hamish's family law practice is concerned with the financial claims of: spouses on divorce; co-habitees on separation and dependants from the estate of a deceased. In the context of financial provision on divorce, he has particular expertise in cases involving: family businesses; professional clients and farms. Given the increased popularity in digital and crypto-assets, Hamish has developed a specialism in this regard and is experienced in advising clients as to the implications that these assets have on financial remedy proceedings and is a leading presence in ultra-high-net-worth cases.

He advises and represents co-habitees, co-owners and other family members on property issues including: legal and beneficial ownerships (and the Court's powers under TOLATA); promisory and proprietary estoppel. He advises on Inheritance Act claims.

Hamish provides pragmatic advice to clients in a sympathetic manner; her is robust and dogged in their representation. He is ranked in the latest editions of Legal 500 and Chambers Partners. He is described in Chambers and Partners (2022) as: a barrister "who covers every relevant point meticulously and does not do half-measures." "He is great with clients, has a good eye for detail, flexible in his approach and has real commitment to a case."

Hamish was Head of the 3PB Family Group until January 2019. He is now Deputy Head and Head of Finance.

Private Remote FDR Hearings

Hamish is available for private remote FDR hearings. For more information on private remote FDR hearings please click here.

Recent cases

T v T
Acting for the respondent partner in a case involving a cohabiting couple. Application brought by his former partner (A) to enforce the terms of a cohabitation agreement. R was a property developer with assets exceeding £60M. 5Y relationship. In June 2019, the parties signed a cohabitation agreement by which the A was given a house and the expectation in the event of relationship breakdown of periodical payments and child maintenance for her son by a previous relationship. R reneging on agreement and challenging the enforceability of the terms of the cohabitation agreement.

Q v Q
Acting for H in FR on divorce. H's family owned a large land estate worth c.£15M. Assets of the estate owned by 2 companies with shares held by 3 family Trusts of which H was the principal beneficiary. The parties to the marriage had very limited assets. W made an application under MCA s.24(1)(c) (Variation of a Nuptial Settlement). Complexities of the case included: whether any of the Trusts were nuptial within the meaning of the Act and the extent to which the Court should reasonably expect the Trustees to make provision for H to fund a settlement. The Trust/Corporate structure was complicated requiring careful and extensive review of documents.

Y v Y
Financial remedy on divorce. Acting for H, a senior partner in an international law firm. Assets of 2.5M. H was a corporate lawyer. In that capacity, he (and through him, W) had incentive shares in 4 start-up companies. The case involved disputes about the legal and beneficial ownership of these shares. H remunerated through a complex arrangement of UK income, UK and foreign dividends and salaries from the start-ups. Factual and legal issues about child and spousal maintenance depending on H's future income.

M v M
Financial remedy on divorce. Acting for H. Total assets of £4.7M. H is the CEO of a FTSE100 company. His remuneration included a variety of incentive stock including: LTIPs, bonus shares and share save schemes. The tax and vesting arrangements in relation to the shares were factually complicated. The main issue in the case was the extent to which W should benefit from the shares that had been earned after separation.

J v J
Financial remedy on divorce. Acting for H, a farmer. Net assets of £4M comprising farmland, buildings and underlying company. Legal issues concerning the validity of land transfers worth £2M which had not been registered. These were dealt with at a trial of preliminary issue: W instructed Leading Counsel. H's father was joined as a party to the proceedings. Bitter divorce involving allegations of conduct and review of contributions to the farming business. The 5 day trial involved cross examination of expert land valuers as well as the parties and witnesses.

Kv K
Financial remedy on divorce. 50 year marriage: Trial. Asset value: £3M. Parties were joint owners & directors of a company that operated 160 service vehicles for film and TV shoots. It was agreed that the company must be sold. Main issue was the extent of the Court's powers to direct & control the sale and define the parties' roles & responsibilities for managing the company in the meantime. The case tested the boundaries of the Family Court's powers in managing corporate governance when the owners and directors of the company were spouses.

C v C
H and W had limited assets. H's father had non-pension assets in excess of £10M. FMH owned by H's father. H worked as director in his father's company. W making a claim on H's father's assets by virtue of a beneficial interest and/or estoppel. W also arguing that there was a nuptial settlement which was capable of variation under s24(1)(c) MCA. The family company and H's father were both joined as parties to the action.

J v J
Assets of £3M including 4 properties, a company, shares in a vineyard and expensive motorcars. The husband alleged that he had c.£1.7M of debts owed principally to HMRC because of historic tax avoidance schemes; these were poorly evidenced. The complexities were: (1) investigating and assessing the true extent of the husband's debts which distorted the overall financial picture; and (2) the lack of liquidity in the available assets for distribution. The case was concluded pragmatically with a series of lump sums which protected the wife from efforts by the husband later to reduce what he had agreed to pay.

R v R
Assets of £3.5M including 6 properties co-owned with the husband's family. The main asset was a business inherited by the husband and developed during the marriage with his brother. There were issues of pre-marital assets and the extent to which the company could provide liquidity for the financial settlement. The negotiated order was complex but avoided the need for members of the husband's family to be joined to the litigation.

A v A
Representing the wife on her application for financial provision on divorce. There were assets of c.£11M following sale of a start-up company at the end of the marriage. These included foreign assets (a European holiday home). The wife alleged reckless & wanton dissipation of assets by the husband. The husband alleged stellar financial contributions to the marriage. The wife was psychologically vulnerable. The case involved 2 separate injunctive proceedings (s.37 MCA and FLA).

K v K
Application for financial provision on divorce. Hereditary Farming case. Farm worth £3.25M. The farm assets (including horses) were worth a further £1M. The case involved joining 2 additional members of the husband's family to the action. There were preliminary issue hearings concerning the legal and beneficial ownership of the land and horses. The parties had 2 companies involved in the farming enterprise and there were issues concerning the mingling of income from other related businesses. The husband had competency issues and was represented by a litigation friend.

Owens v Owens ([2017] EWCA Civ 182) ([2018] UKSC 41)
Acting for a Husband who successfully contested his Wife's petition for divorce based on grounds of unreasonable behaviour. The Court of Appeal and Supreme Court both rejected the Wife's appeal.

MB v The Executors of EB (Deceased)
Representing a widow on her application for financial provision from her deceased husband's estate. Her husband's estate left nothing to the widow save an entitlement to remain at her family home for life.

C v C
Acting for a Wife in her claim for financial provision from Husband. Although the parties themselves had modest assets, Wife

was defending Husband's attack on a family trust in which she had an interest: both in relation to income (until her father's death) and thereafter capital. The Trust was valued at £3.5M.

B v B
Financial Provision on Divorce before Roberts J. Parties own and Husband operated a successful general trading business from a site in Oxfordshire. The parties thereby acquired and retained a portfolio of UK investment properties. Value of assets = c.£14M. Husband disposed of a number of the properties into offshore trusts which Wife is attacking. The Oxfordshire business site is currently under development for residential housing and there are complicated tax issues.

A v V
Applications for: a declaration of paternity and relief under Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989. Representing a UK resident mother in her applications against a Dubai- based businessman father. Father was extremely wealthy and ran a millionaires' defence. The case involved issues of: jurisdiction and the extent to which a previous agreement reached by the parties should be binding on them.

D-C and ors v The Personal Representatives of N-C
Inheritance Act claim. The claim was bought by a number of dependants against the estate of the deceased who was a property developer on the South Coast. The estate included a number of properties and the shares in the deceased's company.

S v D
Financial claims between a Cohabiting Couple. Competing claims to various interests in the parties' family home; farming business and associated farmland.

C v R
Financial claims over Dynastic Wealth within a Family. Competing TOLATA claims concerning 2 existing properties but involving tracing financial interests through a 3 further houses.

Clinical Negligence

Hamish is an experienced personal injury and clinical negligence barrister who enjoys a formidable reputation for his expertise and client friendly manner. He advises and represents clients on a range of personal injury and clinical negligence claims, involving both serious injury and death. His practice includes high value and sometimes high profile claims and he advises on personal and medical short term and long term care and life time housing requirements where appropriate.

He also undertakes product liability claims. Hamish is experienced in claims involving: housing requirements; lifetime care and complex dependency claims. As an ancillary relief practitioner, he has a particular specialism for dependency claims by wives; partners and children.

Regarding his clinical negligence, advice has included failures in GP referrals leading to: cauda equina lesions; subarachnoid haemorrhage; and limb amputations. His claims against hospital specialists have included A&E Departments; obstetrics; orthopaedic and general surgery. Until 26, Hamish sat as a legal assessor for the Nursing and Midwifery Council Disciplinary Committees.

Recent cases

- **RS v Hospital NHS Trust.** Negligent hospital treatment around the time of the Claimant's birth, resulting in brain injury and disability: developmental delay; epilepsy and significant visual impairment. Liability admitted, valued at £30M. Extent to which the Claimant would have followed their parent's professional career to be examined.
- **KH v Hospitals NHS Trust.** Negligent L4-S1 Spinal Fusion procedure ('the fusion surgery') at the hospital resulting in damaged nerve root, nerve root pain and foot drop. Unwarranted delay in exploring and draining a haematoma developed during Revision Surgery, which became secondarily infected. Significant symptoms continuously experienced by the Claimant and unnecessary treatment.

- **SN v Hospital NHS FT.** Failure by the Hospital to carry out routine colonoscopy surveillance in patient diagnosed with ulcerative colitis. Development of a tumour of the ileo-caecal valve went undetected and though finally removed and despite chemotherapy treatment, the patient died.
- **RB v Hospital NHS FT.** Failure by the hospital to carry our careful management and regular colonoscopies in Claimant diagnosed with anal neoplasia II / III (AIN). Further failure by the hospital to refer patient for tests after clinical signs became suspicious. Claimant developed anal cancer which could have been treated earlier with proper management.
- **ND v Hospital NHS Trust.** Patient admitted to hospital due to cauda equina lesion in her spine. Failure by the hospital to immediately refer the patient to an Orthopaedic Department for further investigation and treatment, despite obvious symptoms. Wrong discharge from the hospital, after which the Claimant's progressed and she suffered deterioration in her condition.
- **PG v Hospital NHS Trust.** PG suffers from a constitutional degenerative disorder of the lumbar spine. Failure by hospital to refer patient to specialist department despite symptoms consistent with a cauda equina syndrome ('CES'), leading to deterioration of their condition, which then required L4/5 decompression / discectomy procedure to relieve the CES.
- **KD v Hospitals NHS FT.** 20 year old Claimant diagnosed with indeterminate colitis. Failure by hospital to monitor toxicity of patient's treatment with Mesalazine. Claimant suffered interstitial nephritis as a result, leading to renal impairment. The Claimant will suffer end-stage renal failure which will require a live-donor transplant.
- **JN v University Hospital NHS Trust.** Following unavoidable complications suffered during a surgical decompression procedure at L2/3 to L4/5 ('the surgery') the hospital failed to closely monitor the Claimant's neurological status after the operation. Claimant developed neurological symptoms including: loss of perineal sensation; loss of bowel function and impairment of bladder function. The Claimant thereby suffered an avoidable deterioration in her neurology; unnecessary pain and consequential losses.
- **MW v NHS FT Hospitals.** Failure by hospitals to twice diagnose an identifiable rupture to anterior cruciate ligament (ACL). Damaging referral for physiotherapy. Sustained unnecessary injury and avoidable losses.
- **CD v NHS Hospital Trust.** Sub-standard treatment provided to a young patient during spinal surgery and post-operatively. The failures led to a significant loss of lower limb function and permanent pain.
- **AB v NHS Hospital Trust.** Failure adequately to remove all products of conception following a birth by Caesarean section. The Claimant ultimately required a total abdominal hysterectomy, substantial urinary and bowel symptoms.
- **M v Dr C and NHS Direct.** Failed diagnosis by NHS Call Direct GP and nurse. They both failed to diagnose a subdural haematoma which led to an aneurysm and very significantly cognitive and functional impairment. The Claimant requires long term care in a residential setting.

Personal Injury

Hamish is an experienced personal injury and clinical negligence barrister who enjoys a formidable reputation for his expertise and client-friendly manner. He advises and represents clients in serious injury claims and fatal accidents. The cases involve employers' and occupiers' liability, road traffic accidents and public liability claims. Damages often include housing requirements, lifetime care and complex dependency claims. As a financial remedy practitioner, he has a particular specialism for dependency claims by wives, partners and children.

Hamish is asked to advise on cases in Jersey and has experience of the procedures before the Royal Court. He accepts instructions under Conditional Fee Agreements in appropriate cases. He is also registered to take direct access instructions.

Areas of Expertise

- Abuse claim
- Asbestos
- Catastrophic injury

- Construction site accidents
- Employers Liability
- Fatal accident claims
- Foreign jurisdiction claims
- Highways Act claim
- Occupational Disease
- Occupiers Liability
- Product Liability
- Psychological injury
- Public Liability
- Road Traffic Accidents
- Travel claims
- WRULD

Current and recent cases include:

Employer's Liability

C, the claimant, was employed as a teaching assistant at a Special School. He sustained injury when trying to restrain a physically aggressive pupil. The claimant's
head struck the floor and he sustained a skull fracture with associated subdural haematoma. The index injuries include significant cognitive impairment and fatigue.
He can no longer work. Liability disputed.

V, the claimant was working on military equipment for the Ministry of Defence. He sustained significant injury when a Supacat vehicle on which he was working rolled
forward and crushed him.

R, the claimant, was a building site labourer assisting with the deconstruction of a lift and its shaft. He fell from the shaft during the operation. The lift fell on top of him
leaving him with profound physical injuries including paraplegia. There were multiple parties involved who blamed each other and/or the claimant for the accident. There
was substantial disagreement between the parties' health and safety experts as to the cause of the accident and liability.

G., the claimant was a labourer and yard hand who sustained injury at work. He was operating a telehandler vehicle which had a defective breaking system. When
the telehandler became momentarily stuck in rut, he left the cab and was crushed between the vehicle and a wall.

A, the claimant worked as a labourer for a road surfacing contractor. As a consequence of prolonged and regular exposure to vibrating tools he sustained injuries including: hypothenar hammer and carpal tunnel syndromes. He was unable to work. The defendant disputed liability and the claimant's incapacity for work.

W, the claimant, developed occupational asthma following long-term exposure to wood dust and particles at work.

G, the claimant, sustained serious injury when he fell from the top of a hydraulic vehicle ramp at work.

Fatal Accidents

D. Fatal accident after a running down. The claimant was the administrator of his father's estate. The dependents were various members of the deceased's extended
family which had become fragmented since the death.

S. Fatal accident in which the deceased was run over by a lorry on a petrol station forecourt. The deceased initially suffered from catastrophic injuries and died some
months afterwards.

P. Fatal road traffic accident involving a motorcyclist who was killed while overtaking a line of traffic. There was a contest over apportionment of liability and the extent of
the Deceased's income at the time of the accident.

Road Traffic Accidents

J. Acting for four claimants involved in head-on road traffic accident in Spain. Two claimants sustained life changing physical and psychological injuries. Proceedings
issued against the defendant's insurers pursuant to EC Regulations.

H. The claimant pedestrian was struck while crossing the road; the defendant's vehicle was travelling in excess of the speed limit and the driver was drunk. The claimant
sustained a traumatic brain injury and cannot work.

H. Motorcyclist sustaining a spinal compression injury following an RTA in Jersey. Proceedings issued before the Royal Court.

P. The Claimant had broken down on the side of a dual carriageway and got out of his vehicle. He was struck by the defendant motorist who had left the carriageway in
thick fog. He suffered significant physical and psychological injuries: believing that his girlfriend had been killed in the same incident.

Other claims

G. Acting for the defendant in an historical sexual abuse claim. The claimants were the defendant's grandchildren; the abuse having taken place over 30 years ago.
The claim was complicated by the defendant's death and probate actions in relation to his estate.

P. The claimant alleged he had sustained toxic syndrome after eating contaminated crab meat at the defendant's hotel. This was an unusual case in that as a
consequence, the claimant briefly lost consciousness and passed out; sustaining a cervical fracture in the fall. He was rendered paraplegic. The case involved expert
evidence on international food supply chains and the nature of the claimant's sudden illness.

M. Acting for the applicant before CICA. He was attacked with a hammer and sustained a traumatic brain injury. He lacked capacity to conduct his litigation.

Articles

3PB's specialist family law barrister Hamish Dunlop authors Divorce for a modern age: The divorce, dissolution and separation bill [HL] 2019-21.

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Read Hamish Dunlop's lecture notes on Owens v Owens, a groundbreaking divorce case scheduled to go to the Supreme Court. Hamish's analysis explains why this case could lead to the introduction of no-fault divorce in the UK.

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Head of 3PB's Family Law Group Hamish Dunlop draws conclusions from The Blue Cross and others v. Heather Ilot [[2017]

UKSC 17].

On 15th March 2017, the Supreme Court gave judgment in the appeal of The Blue Cross and others –v- Heather Ilot [[2017] UKSC 17]. The case concerns Mrs Ilot's application brought under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975 ('the Act').

Although the Act is now over 40 years old, it has never received substantive review by the most senior Court in the country. This appeal has therefore been eagerly awaited by practitioners in the expectation of guidance in particular in relation to: managing the frequent tension between a Claimant's needs and the testator's wishes; and the definitions of reasonable financial provision and maintenance under the Act.

The case concerns the class of Claimant whose dependency arises in a context of being other than a spouse or civil partner. It obviously remains to be seen whether the Court will now find an opportunity to review the law in cases involving a spouse as Claimant. In the meantime, this case provides specific assistance in relation to 'non-spouse' cases and some general jurisprudence in relation to all claims under the Act.

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3PB pupil barrister Jack Felvus and specialist clinical negligence barrister Hamish Dunlop have written a case summary where the Supreme Court judgment provided clarity in secondary victim claims made in a clinical negligence context.

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Hamish Dunlop's briefing on recent SC case of Montgomery v Lanarkshire Health Board ([2015] UKSC 11])

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