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Brett is a partner in the divorce and family team.

He advises clients on all aspects of family law, including divorce, cohabitation, children, prenuptial agreements and civil partnerships with a particular emphasis on the resolution of complex financial disputes.

Track record

Landmark House of Lords decision

Involved in the landmark House of Lords decision of *Miller v Miller; McFarlane v McFarlane*, reported at [2006] UK HL 24 which remains the leading authority on how assets should be divided on divorce.

Trustee representation

Representing the Trustees in the case of *Judge v Judge*, reported at [2008] EWCA Civ 1458, in which the Court of Appeal dismissed an application to set aside a financial order made in 2001 on the grounds of mistake.

French marital agreement

Acting for the Husband in the case of Z v Z (No 2), reported at [2011] EWHC 2878 (Fam), in which the High Court upheld a French marital agreement, restricting the Wife to her needs. The case was the first reported case to apply the principles set out by the Supreme Court in *Radmacher v Granatino*.

Securing rights in a property

Acting for the Intervenor in the matter of AM v SS and WA, reported at [2014] EWHC 2887 Fam, securing her rights in a property held by the Intervenor's brother on trust for her.

External publications

'It is ok to be inappropriate: Mittal v Mittal', International Family Law Journal - March 2014, contributor Chapter in Marital Agreements and Private Autonomy in Comparative Perspective - 2012, co-author 'Family and Trusts: all in love is fair', Trust and Estates Law & Tax Journal - January/February 2011, contributor 'The Certainty of a Clean Break: Variation of Maintenance', Family Law - September 2010, contributor 'Paper Value (Pre-Nups)', Solicitors Journal - July 2009, contributor 'An English (law) view on Brussels I and Brussels II', International Family Law Journal - March 2006, contributor

Admissions

England and Wales, 2005

Education

University College London, LL.B.

Languages

English

Memberships

Resolution

Key dates

Year joined: 2003 Year became partner: 2015 View full profile online