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Overview

Brett advises clients on all aspects of family law, to include divorce, cohabitation, children, pre-nuptial agreements and civil partnerships with a particular emphasis on the resolution of complex financial disputes.

Highlights

Brett was 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.

He represented 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.

Brett acted 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*.

Publications and speaking engagements

Contributor to the International Family Law Journal (March 2006) - An English (law) view on Brussels I and Brussels II.

- Contributor to the Solicitors Journal (July 2009) - Paper Value (Pre-Nups).
- Contributor to Family Law (September 2010) - The Certainty of a Clean Break: Variation of Maintenance.
- Contributor to Trust and Estates Law & Tax Journal (January/February 2011) - Family and Trusts: all in love is fair.
- Brett is a regular contributor to the Financial Times weekend Q & A section.
- Brett co-wrote a chapter for Marital Agreements and Private Autonomy in Comparative Perspective (Hart Publishing, 2012).

Memberships

Resolution

On a personal note

Outside of work, Brett enjoys foreign travel, design and contemporary art.

