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Practice Profile

Matthew was educated at Exeter College, Oxford and was called to the Bar in 1987.

He practises in all aspects of family work with an emphasis on financial matters, both in the context of divorce proceedings and disputes between former cohabitants (including representation on Inheritance (*Provision for Family and Dependents*) Act 1975 claims).

PRACTICE

As someone whose practice has always included some real property litigation, he is particularly well suited to cases involving trusts, probate or conveyancing issues. In particular, he is instructed in a growing number of disputes between former cohabitants as to their respective property interests, as to which the impact of *Stack v Dowden* and *Kernott v Jones* needs to be considered. He has also been involved in two of the leading cases concerning third party assets in financial remedy proceedings and has particular experience of cases involving inherited assets.

Matthew has considerable experience of principally private law children cases in which he has sought to represent the interests of his clients robustly .

REPORTED CASES

TL v ML and Others (Ancillary Relief: Claim Against Assets of Extended Family) [2005] EWHC 2860 (Fam), [2006] 1 FLR 1263

Eastaugh v Crisp & Others [2006] EWHC 2298

Whig v Whig [2007] EWHC 1856 (Fam), [2008] 1 FLR 453

Fisher Meredith v JH & PH (Financial Remedy: Appeal: Wasted Costs) [2012] EWHC 408