



Suzanne Syme MCLArb

Call: 2004

Suzanne specialises in financial remedy cases and all aspects of private family law, appearing before all tribunals up to the Court of Appeal. She regularly delivers lectures to professional clients and Chambers on current or topical issues in family law.

Suzanne has a loyal following from her professional clients. She has established a solid reputation for providing sensible, practical, pragmatic and, where necessary, robust advice to clients however complex or difficult the circumstances.

Family Finance

Suzanne has specialised in matrimonial finance and the financial consequences of relationship breakdown since her pupillage, including Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989 and the Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996. She has extensive experience of cases where complexities arise due to the nature or location of the parties' assets, the source of their income or where there is intervention by a third party, including trusts.

She has developed a particular interest in pension provision on divorce and regularly represents parties where there is a significant pension provision, both public sector and private sector pensions which require detailed investigation and analysis.

Suzanne has also acted as an expert witness in the field of matrimonial finance when there is an inter-relationship involving personal injury or other civil claim.

Notable Family Finance cases

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- **J v E (No2) (Case Management) [2024] EWFC 107**

Suzanne was led by Edward Devereux KC in this complex case with cross-jurisdictional proceedings for both finance and children matters.

The financial elements were complicated as they involved a high net worth individual and assets outside of the UK. After much negotiation, the substantive matter settled.

- **XO v YO & Anor [2022] EWFC 114**

Suzanne was instructed on behalf of the husband for the first year of the proceedings.

- **HJB & MK [2017] EWFC B25**

Declaration as to marital status.

- **Tracey v Tracey [2006] EWCA Civ 734**

Suzanne appeared as junior counsel for the Respondent Wife in this matter. The Husband sought permission to appeal the decision of Bennett J relating to the variation of a school fees component of a consent order for ancillary relief. Bennett J had ordered the Husband to pre-pay the entirety of the school fees for the parties' two boys until the completion of their secondary education by lump sum provision of £272,771. This is the first example of a substantial capitalisation of a school fees order.

The Husband's appeal was allowed in part on the basis of fresh evidence adduced by him outlining his deteriorating health. However, the Court of Appeal reaffirmed the need for security for the future of the boys' private education, in particular due to the Husband's previous bad conduct.

Appointments

- Financial Arbitrator (2017)

Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Education

- LLB (Hons), Queen Mary, University of London

Prizes

- Major Scholar, Inner Temple

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