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Constructive use of business structures in Financial Remedy Proceedings

DATE: Tuesday, 6 February 2018

TIME: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm

VENUE: NOVOTEL Bristol Centre, Victoria Street, Bristol, BS1 6HY

St John's Chambers' [Family Finance Team](#), have the pleasure of inviting both solicitors and accountants to our 'Constructive use of business structures in Financial Remedy Proceedings' conference at the NOVOTEL, just a stone's throw from Chambers.

This conference is intended to discuss cases in which one or both of the partners in a divorce own a business. It will deal with such issues as whether it is possible for both parties to continue to run the business after divorce using dividends to pay maintenance, shareholders' agreements and S.31 (7A to 7F) Matrimonial Causes Act 1973, to enable eventual sharing of the sale proceeds of a business combined with cessation of maintenance.

Speakers from St John's Chambers will include [Christopher Sharp QC](#), [Nick Miller](#) and [Charlie Newington-Bridges](#). We are also delighted to announce guest speakers; Simon Denton - Partner at Milsted Landon; and, Liz Saunders and Peter Marrow - Partners at Tanners.

Delegates will receive high quality materials for future reference with the opportunity to network with fellow professionals



Family Practice Group

Cost

£80 + VAT

CPD

5 hours

Accreditation

BSB and SRA

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10.00 - 10.25am	Registration and refreshments
10.25 - 10.30am	Introduction by Nick Miller <i>Conference Chair and Barrister, St John's Chambers</i>
10.30 - 11.10am	"But it's my business (and always has been)" <i>Christopher Sharp QC, Barrister, St John's Chambers</i> Christopher will review the appropriate approach to and recent case law on extra-marital assets, pre- and post marital accrual, bonuses, "special contribution", valuation of the business and related topics
11.10 - 11.50am	How do I set up a Limited Company or LLP? <i>Peter Marrow, Partner, Tanners Solicitors LLP</i> What are the practical procedures for setting up a limited company or an LLP? An understanding of what information is required and how to navigate the pitfalls will help minimise the administration and paperwork involved in incorporating your business vehicle.
11.50 - 12.05pm	Refreshments
12.05 - 12.45pm	How to use a corporate structure to maximise resources on divorce <i>Nick Miller, Barrister, St John's Chambers</i>
12.45 - 1.30pm	Lunch
1.30 - 2.10pm	Shareholders' Agreements and succession planning/dynastic planning <i>Charlie Newington-Bridges, Barrister, St John's Chambers</i>
2.10 - 2.50pm	Making divorce less taxing <i>Simon Denton, Milsted Langdon LLP</i> This presentation will focus on how use can be made of general tax reliefs available on business and non-business assets such that the financial settlement can also be tax efficient.
2.50 - 3.05pm	Refreshments
3.05 - 3.45pm	Nuptial and Marital Agreements <i>Liz Saunders, Partner, Tanners Solicitors LLP</i> The Family Court rather than the Commercial Court deals with a business on divorce. Proceedings are expensive, time consuming and highly disruptive to the business. Avoid the vagaries of the Court process by using planning tools like a Pre or Post Nuptial Agreement, or record a creative and flexible deal reached post separation in a Separation Agreement or Financial Remedy Order in compromise of Court Proceedings.
3.45 - 4.00pm	Panel discussion
4.00pm	Close

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Christopher Sharp QC, Barrister (Call 1975; QC 1999) St John's Chambers



Christopher is acknowledged by Chambers UK as one of only 5 star Silks in Family Law in the country and the only one outside London. He has been a Family Law

specialist for many years and has extensive experience in high-value financial remedy, ToLATA and Schedule 1 cases, including those with a foreign element, many of which are dealt with by way of negotiated settlements. In children cases he is instructed by local authorities and parents, as well as the Guardian and Official Solicitor, in cases involving the serious injury or death of a child, in which issues involving complex medical evidence arise and where his expertise in the field of personal injury can also be applied. Issues of privacy, and publicity frequently arise.

"His ability to forensically dissect the most complicated finance case and present it in a clear and persuasive way is to be marvelled at." **Chambers UK (2018)**

Nick Miller, Barrister (Call 1993) St John's Chambers



Nick specialises exclusively in family finance cases, particularly those involving pensions, companies and farming.

Prior to joining the Bar in 1994, Nick was a Solicitor (Admitted 1985) and a partner in a Bristol law firm. He was a founder member of the SFLA (now Resolution) and secretary of the Bristol SFLA for ten years.

"Nick has a very solid reputation as a first-rate senior. He is one of the go-to barristers in the region for complex financial cases and, in particular, those involving business assets. He has a no-nonsense approach but always pitches it right." "Always very thorough in his preparation of a case, he has an in-depth knowledge and expertise of the issues and the law, including consideration of pensions and actuarial issues along with tax and commercial considerations."

Chambers UK (2018)

Charlie Newington-Bridges, Barrister (Call 2011) St John's Chambers



Charlie has a specialist chancery and commercial practice. His expertise includes commercial / contractual disputes; banking and financial services; company and partnership disputes; wills

and probate and real property and trusts. In the last year he has appeared twice successfully in the Court of Appeal and has acted as sole counsel in a number of reported High Court trials. His recent work also includes two Inheritance Act trials. Before becoming a barrister, Charlie spent 13 years working in investment banking. He was a director of ABN Amro's European equities division and prior to that worked at JP Morgan.

"He had excellent knowledge of the financial aspects of a case in light of his background in finance. He's very approachable and knowledgeable, a good all-rounder." **Chambers UK, Chancery law (2018)**

Simon Denton, Partner Milsted Langdon LLP



Simon has specialised in tax for over 20 years having trained as a general p r a c t i c e accountant. Having spent a number of years in the Big \$, Simon joined Milsted Langdon LLP in 2000 and

became a partner in 2005. He advises on many aspects of direct tax and, in particular, on tax in family law and litigation. Simon is a member of the ICAEW Small Business Tax technical committee.

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Elizabeth Saunders, Solicitor, Tanners Solicitors LLP



Admitted as a solicitor in 1994, Liz works exclusively in family finance cases using Wealth planning tools and advising on complex financial disputes. She is an accredited member of Resolution and a trained Collaborative Lawyer.

Peter Marrow, Solicitor, Tanners Solicitors LLP



Peter provides specialist advice to individuals and businesses in relation to a wide range of commercial issues and transactions including the sale and purchase of businesses, partnership and shareholder matters, commercial contracts and employment law. He has been a Partner at Tanners for over 15 years and is currently the firm's Managing Partner.

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Delegate fee: £80 + VAT (£96)

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Seminars, St John's Chambers, 101 Victoria Street, Bristol BS1 6PU.

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If you have any enquiries, please call Anita Young on 0117 923 4700 or email seminars@stjohnschambers.co.uk.

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St John's Chambers Family Finance team look forward to welcoming you and your colleagues at our conference.



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