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Imogen Robins is a barrister with over 25 years experience exclusively in family law, advising on both finance and children cases.

Family Finance

Imogen's work is centred on financial remedies, including married and cohabiting couples and private law children cases. She brings commitment, excellent negotiation skills and sound judgment to her cases. In her work she is known for her tactical experience and legal expertise. She is patient, a good listener and strives to build a caring and supportive relationship with her clients. Her warmth and compassion belie a steely determination to achieve the optimum result. Often the best results can be achieved through negotiation but this is not always possible.

In court, Imogen uses her eloquence and advocacy to full advantage. She is available to advise during every stage of the case and is happy to speak to solicitors in confidence prior to instruction. Her strong interpersonal skills mean she is comfortable dealing with people from all walks of life. Her clients include company directors, professionals and musicians. She aims to provide an excellent service to all, regardless of wealth or status.

Selected Cases

X v X (2018)

Complex litigation, involving MCA 1973 S. 25(2)(g), where one party had dissipated hundreds of thousands of pounds. Consideration of all the possible outcomes and in particular the relevance of MAP v MFP [2015] EWHC 627, given one of the parties' mental health.

T v G (2018)

Schedule 1 to Children Act 1989 case involving internationally recognised musicians. A successful outcome was achieved for the mother and the case settled without the need for a contested hearing. The case was sensitive as the parties were high profile in the music industry.

D v D (2017)

Case involving a property tycoon with substantial business and property interests. There was satellite litigation in the Chancery Division that had to be considered during the progression of the case.

W v W (2017)

An unusual case where the District Judge was asked to make an interim remedy in respect of the parties' dog. The court considered the interrelation between realty as in land and personal possessions. An interim order was made an Imogen's client was permitted to see the dog. *Wickes v Wickes* [1999] Fam 65 and *BR v VT* [2015] EWHC 2727M v M (2016) Acting for a dentist who allegedly had offshore trusts in the British Virgin Islands. A complex case involving third party disclosure from the trustees, negotiations with the Inland Revenue regarding tax appeals and accountancy evidence. Court threatening to join the trustees and make indemnity costs orders in the event that disclosure did not take place.

M v M (2016)

Acting for a dentist who allegedly had offshore trusts in the British Virgin Islands. A complex case involving third party disclosure from the trustees, negotiations with the Inland Revenue regarding tax appeals and accountancy evidence. Court threatening to join the trustees and make indemnity costs orders in the event that disclosure did not take place.

M v M (2016) (UKHC)

High Court forum shopping case, involving consideration of the appropriate forum for financial remedies litigation. Whether the case should be tried in England and Wales or USA (Georgia). Heard before Mr Justice Holman.

B v B (2016)

Acting for the wife in a case involving a military pension, business accounts, where both parties had been in the medical profession.

G v R (2016)

Acting in a financial provision case where a notice to show cause application was made by the husband 8 years after

the consent order had been lodged with the court. Successfully resisting the application on the part of the wife. Case involved potential cross-examination of a witness via video link from the Middle East.

M v M (2015)

Acting in a financial provision case involving a substantial property portfolio that required division following a long marriage. The case involved expert accountancy evidence.

A v AT (2014)

Acting for a wife seeking to vary a consent order under S 31 MCA 1973 to extend the term of maintenance beyond the child's 21st birthday to enable her to remain in the former matrimonial home. A successful outcome was achieved.

Children Law (Private)

Selected Cases

S v S (2018)

Successfully resisting an application for leave to remove three children from the jurisdiction to the USA. Acted for the father.

W v W (2018)

Case involving parental alienation where a 14-year-old boy was refusing to see his mother. The Family Separation Clinic was involved to see whether they could facilitate in the re-introduction. The case resulted in a successful outcome for the mother and child.

W v L (2018)

Child arrangements case where contact was re-instated, to include overnight contact after a gap. It involved sensitive issues and the introduction of the father's new family.

W v W (2016)

Family Law Act injunction involving a wealthy elderly married couple. The issues in the case involved DOLS (deprivation of liberty safeguarding orders), multiple experts and the Official Solicitor. Imogen had to consider "Wookey capacity" and the ability of the court to make injunctions where a party was subject to DOLS.

O v O (2016)

Advising in an international relocation case and successfully resisting the relocation on behalf of the father of the child concerned.

M v T (2015) (UKHC)

High Court case on paternity and DNA samples from abroad. Required detailed consideration of the law as to the obtaining of DNA samples.

Re D (Natural Parent Presumption) (1999) (Court of Appeal) 1 FLR 134

Successful appeal on the right of a child to be brought up by a natural parent.

Children Law (Public)

Imogen has a niche practice in public law proceedings for her longstanding solicitors.

Direct Access

Imogen is a public access qualified and accepts instructions direct from both public and professional clients.

Qualifications

- Inns of Court School of Law, London
- LLB (Hons)

Professional associations

- Family Law Bar Association
- Western Circuit

Publications

- Family Law Manual – Sweet & Maxwell