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Summary:

It is important to give realistic and pragmatic advice at the earliest opportunity and Michael is able to bring 20 years of experience in family law in providing this advice in a sympathetic manner. He is able to achieve fair settlements through creative and imaginative thinking, but is a tenacious advocate when a settlement cannot be reached.

As an approved direct access family barrister he also accepts instructions from the public.

Endorsements:

Legal 500 2020 - 'Very calm and measured in his approach to clients and in court.'

Legal 500 2019 - 'Noted for his expertise in Hague Convention cases.'

Legal 500 2018 - 'Frequently instructed in Hague Convention cases.'

Legal 500 2017 - 'Experienced in international cases.'

Matrimonial Finance:

Michael is a senior member of the Chambers Financial Remedy team. He is regularly instructed in high net worth cases by Leading Solicitors.

Cohabitation, Civil Partnerships and Agreements:

As well as Financial Remedy work, Michael also has considerable experience in property disputes arising out of the relationships of cohabiting couples and claims for provision for children under Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989.

Public Law Children:

In Care Proceedings, Michael is regularly instructed by Local Authorities, Parents and Children up to Court of Appeal level as both single and leading Junior in complex cases of substantial length. He is particularly regarded for his experience in fact finding hearings involving disputed medical evidence.

Notable case:

Re: B-M (Care orders: Risk) [2009] EWCA Civ205

Re: P (Care Proceedings: Disclosure) [2009] E11WC 2197 (FAM)

International Children Law:

Michael leads the International Family Law team. He is regularly instructed in Hague Convention cases for both the 'left behind' parent and the abductor. This is an area which requires a detailed knowledge of the applicable law and an ability to impart clear advice speedily and decisively. Michael is happy to provide 'emergency' advice to Solicitors if required. Michael is also known for his experience in representing clients in jurisdictional disputes, most commonly, Brussels II Revised.

Notable case:

X v Y & Ors (Child Abduction: Grave Risk)[2012] EWHC 2838 (Fam)

VC v CG (Jurisdiction: Brussels II Revised Art 12) [2012] EWCA 1246 (Fam)

Memberships :

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