



Community
Legal Service



ROBIN BELBIN BARRISTER PROFILE

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Robin is principally a family law practitioner, with interest in cases involving land and property-planning. He also has extensive experience in landlord & tenant cases, particularly business tenancies. He has been head of chambers since 1993 and tends to concentrate now on heavier cases that require an extra dimension of experience & Judgment.

Ancillary Relief

Robin's main interests include finance and ancillary relief disputes, as well as cohabitee and civil partnership, Inheritance Act and TOLATA cases. He enjoys the challenge of high net worth ancillary relief cases, especially those involving disputed expert evidence.

Public & Private Law Children

He has a wealth of knowledge and expertise in particularly difficult family cases, accepting instructions in both public and private Children Act matters. He has been in several complex care cases one of which lasted over 60 days and involved more than nine parties. Where Children Act proceedings are concerned Robin is usually instructed in cases involving difficult issues of alleged parental misconduct or where there is a dispute as to allegations made by a child.

Chancery and Property

Robin has handled many disputes involving land and rights over land including one that has continued for over ten years and has seen him in the Court Of Appeal. His work also includes instructions in Inheritance Act applications and general common law work.

Planning

Robin has many years of experience working in the complex world of planning. He has recently conducted (as inspector) a village green inquiry for the Isle of Wight Council and acted for Eastleigh Borough Council in a sheltered housing planning appeal.

CASES OF NOTE

DPP v Humphreys (1977)

AC 1, HL - Perjury and issue estoppel

Bromley Park Garden Estates Ltd v Moss (1982)

IWLR 1019, CA - Business tenancy

Smith v Smith (1983)

FLR 154, CA Ancillary relief

Mohammed - Holgate v Duke (1984)

AC 437, HL - Wrongful arrest

Hampshire County Council v Gillingham (June 22nd 2000) (CAT), CA - Contempt of Court relief

Re : L (2009)

C of A - mothers appeal allowed against refusal by judge of an assessment of mother

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Matrimonial Finance & Property
- Private Children
- Public Law (Care & Adoption)
- Chancery Company & Commercial
- Property
- Planning
- Housing, Landlord & Tenant
- Injunction
- Wills/Probate/Inheritance

QUALIFICATION & UNIVERSITY

- (1969) Lincolns Inn
- LLB (Hons) (London) (L.S.E)
- Assistant Recorder from 1982
- Recorder from 1988

MEMBERSHIP

- Family Law Bar Association
- Personal Injury Bar Association
- Wessex Family Law Bar Association

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Robin is married with two adult children and lives in the New Forest. He enjoys gentle gardening and not so gentle sailing.