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Financial Planning | Wealth Structuring | Investment Advice

Family Law Services

How we can help

Pension sharing: Pensions are often one of the largest assets that we are asked to advise on in cases of a family split. Pension Sharing Reports are written from a background of practical application. They set out not only the technical detail and reasons for the advised adjustments but also the implications of the proposed actions.

We have expertise in a wide range of pension types, including:

- UK money purchase and defined benefit pensions
- Small Self-Administered Schemes (SSASs)
- Unapproved and unfunded arrangements
- Recognised Overseas Pensions Schemes (ROPS)
- Qualifying Non-UK Pension Schemes (QNUPS)
- International Pension Plans

What to expect?

- How the parties should allocate pension capital, to ensure an optimum solution for both sides
- Calculation of the likely income that the pension share can advise for both parties
- Detailed consideration of the tax implication for each party
- How best to minimise the impact of the Lifetime Allowance charge
- Clear practical advice on how to implement the pension sharing order
- If required, pension provider reccomendation and implementation
- Expert witness reporting where necessary

Other areas we can help:

Income, Lifestyle & Cashflow Planning: Cash flow modelling can be one of the first, and most useful steps towards mapping out a financial roadmap for a newly divorced client. We can help clients complete a budgeting exercise in order to calculate the quantum of financial settlement required to accomplish a clean break. This calculation can be based upon Duxbury assumptions or by using a more bespoke system.

Investment Management: We retain relationships with a wide range of discretionary fund managers, ensuring that we have a solution that will meet our clients' needs. Once clients have a solution in place, wekeep their investments under independent oversight

International Clients: We have dealt with a wide range of jurisdictions and are comfortable with complex structures including trusts, foundations and offshore companies.

Mediated Settlements: We have team members who have been involved in mediation with clients, providing critical input into the agreed settlement around critical topics such as pension provision and international wealth structuring and the tax implications of splitting assets on divorce.

Insurance: We can establish insurance policies to protect maintenance payments to either pay a lump sum or regular income in the event of death or ill-health. This can, for example, be arranged to protect child maintenance payments until they are due to end.

Financial Settlement: Post-divorce, we provide advice on how individuals should plan their affairs in the context of their new financial landscape. This involves setting realistic objectives, deciding expenditure requirements, minimising tax liabilities and quantifying necessary investment risk. We take a 'hands on' approach to ensure that clients are well looked after during a delicate period in their lives.

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Background

Strabens Hall was founded in 2007 as an independent fee-based wealth advisory business. In 2018 we were recognised by Citywealth as the Financial Advisory Firm of the Year.

Our clients are private individuals and owner managed businesses, with many having an international footprint.

Our company was initially established in London and we opened a further office in Hong Kong in 2015. Our international presence helps us to advise clients with a profile in multiple jurisdictions, either as non-UK resident individuals or UK resident non-domiciled individuals.

Our Team

The team at Strabens Hall have a wealth of experience advising on all financial aspects of divorce. We have supported clients and their advisers through the most challenging cases and routinely deal with high value claims and settlements involving:

- Complex trust structures
- Illiquid assets and unquoted investments
- Offshore assets
- Pensions
- Significant businesses
- Inherited wealth
- Tax concerns
- Range of international issues

What sets us apart

- **Independence**: We are independent. We do not manufacture products and we provide unbiased advice towards any particular solution
- **Resolution**: Some of the team are affiliate members of Resolution, we support the principles of the Resolution Code of Practice and will help deal with separation in a constructive way, encouraging agreements where possible
- **Transparency**: Transparent fee structures with no hidden commissions align our interests with those of our clients
- **Expertise and Innovation**: Innovative and thoughtful solutions carefully managed as tax legislation changes, working with leaders in the legal, accounting and other technical fields

Highlights

Award winning firm with a history of advising family solicitors and their clients on financial matters. We have advised on:

- Pension sharing
- Overseas trusts & structures
- Income, Lifestyle & Cashflow Planning
- Management of Financial Settlements
- Investment Management
- Mediated and Collaborated Settlements
- Trusts & Divorce
- Insurance of Maintenance Payments

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