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### SPECIALISM

#### Family Finance and Ancillary Relief

James is a specialist in family finance cases, dealing both with ancillary relief and cohabitation claims. He has represented a wide variety of clients from all walks of life, including high profile sports personalities, business persons, high net worth individuals, professionals and farmers. He is well known for his careful forensic preparation, pragmatic advice and robust approach to litigation.

### CASES

KSO v. MJO and Another [2009] EWHC 2152 (Fam) Decision of Mumby. J in respect of the discharge of a freezing injunction and costs.

Fleming v. Fleming [2003] Civ. 1841, Court of Appeal decision regarding cohabitation and the termination of maintenance.

### APPOINTMENTS

- Deputy District Judge 2001
- James was one of the longest serving members of the North East Area Legal Aid Appeals Committee and subsequently served as a Legal Services Commission Adjudicator.

### WHAT OTHERS SAY

"James is very seasoned. He is extremely measured but has great attention to detail. He is a tough advocate and chooses the right battle to fight." "He develops an excellent rapport with clients and manages cases in a very sensible manner." Chambers UK 2018

"A family finance specialist" Legal 500 2017

"Focuses his practice on family finance work, including cohabitation claims as well as traditional ancillary relief work. He regularly represents high net worth individuals in complicated disputes involving substantial business, property and financial concerns." "Always thoroughly prepared, very good in court, and his points are very thorough." "A very diligent, detailed man who knows his law." Chambers UK 2017

"He has great presence and is a strong problem solver." Legal 500 2016

"He is a fountain of knowledge; technically superb and extremely good in court" Chambers UK 2016

"Nothing goes under the radar with him, and he fights until the end." Legal 500 2015

"Specialises in financial disputes concerning matrimonial matters and cohabitation issues. He works with a wide variety of clients on high-value proceedings, and is particularly renowned for his meticulous and vigorous approach to his practice. "He is silently lethal – well prepared and uber-confident, providing great financial counsel." "In his practice he is tenacious and forensically thorough." Chambers UK 2015

"Renowned for his expertise in financial proceedings, and praised by instructing solicitors for his forensic eye for detail. He is regularly instructed on complex, high net worth family finance cases, on behalf of a wide range of clients. "He is my first-choice barrister in Newcastle. He has great technical knowledge and is always very thoroughly prepared, with an air of authority that commands respect in the courtroom." Chambers UK 2014

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"is noted for his ability to 'give any silk a run for their money'" Legal 500 2013

"one of the standout ancillary practitioners in the North East." He easily wins over clients, who note "his ability to go the extra mile and to turn first-class work around quickly." Chambers UK 2013

"recommended" Legal 500 2012

"greatly appreciated for his "immaculate preparation and methodical approach."" Chambers UK 2012

"thorough and forensic', 'his cross-examination is without fault' and 'his approach is resolute and tough' Legal 500 2011

"consistently delivers great results." According to observers, "he can bat back any point that's thrown at him because he has such good technical knowledge." Chambers UK 2011

"is an excellent negotiator and a first - rate lawyer." Legal 500 2010

"... practicality and technical ability when it comes to matrimonial finance. "He seemingly knows more about your financial situation than you do" remarked one interviewee." Chambers UK 2010

"James Richardson is a "tough nut" according to observers. An "uncompromising performer," he "gives his opponents a run for their money," applying his resolve to his ancillary relief practice." Chambers UK 2009

James Richardson is "thorough, always prepares well and gives his clients realistic advice".' Legal 500 2009

"James Richardson does no child-related work at all: he handles ancillary relief cases alongside professional discipline and contractual disputes, and is praised for his "thoroughness and mastery of financial instructions." Chambers UK 2008

"fights to the end..." Legal 500 2007

#### LECTURES & SEMINARS

James is a regular contributor to Trinity Chambers' programme of family law lectures. He has recently delivered seminars on ancillary relief proceedings.

#### EDUCATION

LLB Leicester.