

Chancery Issues in Divorce

Untangling the knot: tackling common chancery issues that arise in matrimonial proceedings

Tuesday 30th June 2026 | 1 Hotel Mayfair, 3 Berkley Street, London

2.0 CPD

Programme

3pm **Registration**

3.15pm **Opening remarks**

3.20pm **Parents, friends and other third parties in divorce proceedings**

Elizabeth Houghton and Samuel Cathro

- Third party involvement in divorce proceedings
- Claims in mistake: *Copinger-Symes v Copinger-Symes*
- Debt claims by third parties which affect the available matrimonial assets
- Parallel proceedings in other courts

3.45pm **Companies, cronies and clawbacks: expanding the boundaries of enforcement**

Jonathan Hilliard KC, Joseph Steadman and Naomi Kilcoyne

- When can the court grant relief against corporate assets?
- Why might third parties be the subject of enforcement proceedings?
- What are the limits of clawback claims under s423 of the Insolvency Act 1986?

4.15pm **Refreshments break**

4.50pm **Benefitting non-beneficiaries**
Andrew Mold KC, Michael Ashdown and Caspar Bartscherer

- Distinction between beneficiaries and objects
- Objects of a power of addition
- Rights to information
- How to benefit non-beneficiary spouses

5.20pm **Wells-sharing and company law issues**
Fenner Moeran KC and Roxane Reiser

- Wells-sharing - “a dirty, awful litigation nightmare”? Or just a chance for repeat business for lawyers...
- Exit routes - when and how?
- Sharing shares held outright vs shares held in trust - or even in other structure?
- Safeguards - Undertakings, “Phantom Share Agreements”, contingent lump sums etc.
- Enforcement - company law (and other) remedies to protect the receiving party.

5.45pm **Closing remarks**

5.50pm **Drinks reception on Dovetale Terrace**

9pm **Carriages**