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Overview

Hilary is a family lawyer with extensive experience of advising a wide range of clients on the issues arising from family breakdown. Her background in corporate and commercial matters, and her understanding of complex financial arrangements, means that she is particularly well-placed to advise entrepreneurial couples and families owning small to medium sized enterprises or land and farmland, as well as those with inherited wealth and the retired with pensions in payment.

Hilary's cases often involve an international element, including child abduction and disputes as to the country in which the child is to be brought up and educated. Hilary is a qualified FMA family mediator and is also able to undertake her own advocacy in court.

Before joining Keystone Law, Hilary spent many years working with Rosenblatt solicitors, both as a partner and then a consultant, and also has experience of working for a high street firm.

Areas of Expertise

- Breakdown of cohabitation agreements
- Co-ownership of property
- Divorce and related orders
- Financial settlement on divorce
- Financial provision for children
- International issues of jurisdiction and the relationship between jurisdictions
- Practical arrangements for children
- Pre-nuptial and post-nuptial arrangements and agreements
- Unmarried family and related issues such as inheritance
- Variation of existing orders

Key Achievements

- Advising trustees on the powers of the family courts in the context of divorce of beneficiaries
- Advising on the jurisdictional relationship between the Family Court of New York and the jurisdiction of the English courts in respect of enforcement and variation of maintenance
- Variation of child maintenance for children over 18 years and in further education
- Working with Official Receiver in bankruptcy

Career History

2012	Keystone Law <i>Consultant Solicitor</i>
2010-2012	Redkite <i>Consultant Solicitor</i>
1997-2009	Rosenblatt <i>Associate Solicitor</i>
1989-1994	Bower, Cotton and Bower <i>Associate Solicitor</i>
1988-1989	Rosling King <i>Solicitor</i>
1988	<i>Qualified as a Solicitor</i>