

## Andrew Pote

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### Introduction

Andrew has been involved with family law for thirty years and based in Oxford for the past fifteen, has built up a busy practice from a very low base, covering all areas of family work:

- Financial orders (including enforcement);
- Financial disputes between cohabittees;
- Private and public children cases;
- Claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975

Recently he has developed a growing caseload representing interveners in financial relief cases involving express trusts of land, constructive and resulting trusts, loans and other extended family property.

Examples of cases dealt with this year include:

- Obtaining the whole of a former matrimonial home for the husband's parents;
- Obtaining a special guardianship order for the maternal great-grandparents of a young child;
- Recovering a loan in excess of £200,000 for a husband's mother;
- Successively representing a parent on an application to permanently remove a child to a non EU, European country

He is a keen networker and has presented a number of papers at national and international conferences and has published several articles during his career. He is also a book reviewer for Family Law and a conference reviewer for International Family Law. He has been involved in training events for local solicitors and for four years was an advocacy trainer for Resolution.

Andrew has recently qualified as an Arbitrator under the Family Arbitration Children Scheme that was launched in July this year. He is also a financial remedies (including TOLATA cases) Arbitrator. Arbitration is an alternative way of resolving disputes without protracted court proceedings, and in many cases can provide a more cost effective and speedy outcome for families in respect of child arrangements and financial claims. He is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Institute of Family Law Arbitrators.

## Accreditations

- *'Personable, an expert, outcome focused and obtains great results for clients at a reasonable cost. Can always be relied upon to quickly get a firm grasp of the issues, is excellent with the clients and in advocacy'*

## Professional memberships

- Member of Family Law Bar Association
- Member of the Oxford Medico-Legal Society
- Member of the Human Rights Lawyers Association
- Resolution Advocacy Trainer
- Member of the Overseas Editorial Board: "Journal of Legal and Social Sciences" Faculty of Law in East Sarajevo
- Member of the Publishing Council: "Law, Theory and Practice" University Business Academy in Novi Sad

## Selected cases

- Re P (Adoption: Leave Provisions) [2007] EWCA Civ 616

## Publications

- Dealing with Smugglers (1982) 146 J.P. 231
- Common Assault Sweet & Maxwell Practical Research Papers (1997)
- Indecent Exposure and Outranging Public Decency Sweet & Maxwell Practical Research Papers (1997)
- 12th World Conference of the International Society of Family Law [2008] IFL 205
- Financial Provisions and Child Equality Family Finances [2009] 665 Bea Verschragen (ed.)
- Children as Criminals – Is there a right age of criminal responsibility Pravni Život 10/2010. Tom II 139
- Principles Applied in Cases Involving a Parent Moving with their Child to another Country Prani Život 9/2011 Tom I 997
- International Society of Family Law [2011] IFL 274  
Is M for Mother? Applying current legislative frameworks on the implication of "genetically" parenting a child to the issue of mDNA transfer [2012] Fam Law 438 (co-author)

## Education

- 1981: LLB (Hons) University of East Anglia
- 1983: Bar Vocational Course, Inns of Court School of Law
- 1993: Diploma in Management Studies, Oxford Brookes University

