

WILBERFORCE MIAMI SEMINAR 2016

Litigating International Family Disputes

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Location: 1 SE 3rd Avenue, 10th Floor, Miami, FL 33131
Date: Wednesday 28 September 2016
Time: 4.30pm – 6.15pm followed by a drinks reception

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Wilberforce Chambers presents: Litigating International Family Disputes

Attacking and Defending Offshore Family Wealth-Holding Structures

4.30pm Registration

4.55pm **Welcome and Introduction**
Michael Furness QC (Wilberforce Chambers)

5.00pm **The Miami-London-Caribbean Legal Interface**
An introduction to the attack and defense of offshore asset structures in Florida family litigation
Hendrik G. Milne (Aballi Milne Kali, P.A.)

5.15pm **Litigating International Family Disputes in Florida**
Jurisdiction over parties, freezing, seizing and dividing foreign assets, and child custody and support issues
Jeannie Etter
(Buckner, Shifrin, Etter, Dugan, Bradfute & Kohlman, P.A.)

5.30pm **An Overview of Family Wealth-Holding Structures in Offshore Jurisdictions**
The different jurisdictions, types of corporate entities and trust structures
Clare Stanley QC (Wilberforce Chambers)

– A brief review of what the offshore jurisdictions are and how does offshore work.

– An overview of offshore trusts and company structures and trust busting.

5.45pm **How to get Foreign Discovery and Freeze and Seize Offshore Assets in Family Cases**
The collaborative international team – attorneys, barristers and solicitors

Jonathan Hilliard QC (Wilberforce Chambers)
Robert Wynn Jones (Mishcon de Reya)

– An overview of freezing and disclosure orders

– How UK lawyers (Solicitors and Barristers) work together to achieve a strategy. Also how the team works with International Lawyers.

6.00pm **Panel Discussion**

6.15pm **Drinks reception**

SPEAKERS



Michael Furness QC
Wilberforce Chambers

Michael began his career at the Bar as a private client trust lawyer and this work still forms an important part of his practice. He advises on and conducts UK and international succession and trust disputes, as well as conducting tax litigation for tax authorities and taxpayers.

Last year he appeared in a major trust litigation in Bermuda and London (a seven week trial in the case of *Labrouche v Frey*). Recent tax cases include Samarkand Partnership (2015) *Mayes v HMRC* (2012) and P L Travers Will Trust (2013). He also conducts litigation in Hong Kong, which includes three appearances in the Court of Final Appeal.

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Clare Stanley QC
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Clare is a specialist in commercial disputes including cross-border insolvency actions and fraud, trust and probate litigation and associated professional liability claims. Many of her cases involve offshore proceedings and Clare is well used to appearing and advising on matters before the Courts across many of the major offshore jurisdictions including Cayman and the BVI.

Clare is also consistently recommended in the leading directories and has recently been described by Chambers & Partners as "highly intelligent, strategic and provides commercial advice combined with excellent advocacy skills.", "... an adept litigator who frequently acts in offshore jurisdictions." The Legal 500 describes her as "commercial in her approach and gutsy when needed; very popular with clients."

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Jonathan Hilliard QC
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Jonathan was appointed QC in 2016. He has a broad trusts and commercial practice. Much of his time is spent on private, pension and other commercial fiduciary disputes and fraud disputes, frequently with a significant offshore or other international angle. His litigation often takes him into other areas of law, and he has significant experience of cases with insolvency, regulatory, family and public law elements.

Jonathan has been listed as one of the ten future stars of the Bar in The Times and is ranked in the relevant practice areas in the legal directories. Chambers & Partners for example state that for offshore work "his knowledge of trust law is second to none for someone of his level and he is prepared to put the work first" and for traditional chancery that he is "one of the brightest barristers around".

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Hendrk G. Milne
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Henk is a top international advocate with over 36 years of experience in courts and arbitrations around the world. He is an English barrister and a Florida attorney and is admitted to multiple federal trial and appellate courts across America, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

The prime focus of his career has been on international litigation with cases spanning an extremely broad range of substantive areas, and he has dozens of reported cases to his credit, many of them making new law. Henk routinely works with lawyers from all over the world in disputes involving the laws of multiple jurisdictions, often supervising parallel or complementary proceedings taking place in multiple countries simultaneously, and has been retained as an expert witness on English law in American proceedings and on American laws in connection with proceedings in England.

Henk is a member of Aballi Milne Kalil, P.A., an international law boutique based in Miami, which he co-founded in 1993. In common with his partners, Henk has earned Martindale-Hubbell's highest rating for his professional skills and his ethics: "AV."

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Jeannie Etter
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Jeannie has been board certified by The Florida Bar in Marital & Family Law for over a decade, identifying her as an expert in this field. She merged her successful family law practice with Buckner, Shifrin, Etter, Dugan, Bradfute & Kohlman, P.A. in 2002. Her practice focuses on complex marital and family/divorce cases, often involving high net worth clients.

Jeannie is AV Preeminent rated by Martindale Hubbell, the highest peer review ranking, based on her profession experience and ethics; listed in Best Lawyers in America; recognized by U.S. News & World Report and The Wall Street Journal's Best Lawyers in South Florida 2016; listed in Leading American Attorneys; Top Lawyer in Florida, Super Lawyers, 2006-2016; Recognized by numerous legal publication such as Best Lawyers, and South Florida Legal Guide; and author of several articles published in the Florida Family Law Reporter.

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Robert Wynn Jones
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Robert specialises in civil fraud. He has acted for both claimants and defendants, obtaining and opposing multiple search orders, asset freezing orders and delivery-up orders in large cross-jurisdictional commercial disputes. He has also been involved in a substantial number of data theft and recovery cases using these civil fraud injunctive procedures. Such cases often involve allegations of breaches of restrictive covenants. Robert has also acted on intellectual property cases involving brand protection. Industry sectors in which he has worked include hedge funds, banking and finance, information technology, recruitment, energy, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications and property development.

Robert also has a large general commercial litigation practice and significant experience in professional negligence matters, breach of contract disputes and directors and minority shareholder disputes. Robert has written articles concerning various matters including data theft and search orders, asset freezing orders and delivery-up orders in property, recruitment and other industry publications.

Robert is a member of The International Fraud Group. The IFG is a handpicked group of specialist fraud lawyers across 14 countries focused on securing injunctions, asset recovery and trust busting remedies in key offshore jurisdictions.

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