

Curriculum Vitae of: Ian Hawkins APFS

Resolution Accredited Financial Adviser

Chartered Financial Planner Pension on Divorce Expert

I am a Director of Southdown Consultants Limited and in that capacity support family lawyers, mediators and individuals, typically at a time that they are going through a divorce or separation.

I am also a financial adviser with Oculus Wealth Management, where I advise individuals and employers on all aspects of financial planning.

I have been employed within the financial services industry for over 30 years. Through this time I have provided advice to private clients with regards to pensions, investments and protection. I have also advised employers, employees and trustees with regards to pension planning.

For the last 20 years I have assisted family lawyers with the issues surrounding pensions and investments. This has been via reports for court proceedings and also by way of advice to family lawyers in outlining the strategies required to provide the most effective solutions for their clients.

All reports are prepared in accordance with the Code of Guidance on Expert Evidence, the requirements of CPR35 and also the Pension Advisory Group Report on Pensions and Divorce.

I have completed training in Collaborative Law and have been involved in disputes that have been resolved through this method, including participation in 5-way meetings.

I have assisted couples within the mediation process, either through meetings including the mediator or without.

I assist individuals going through a divorce or separation with regard to cashflow planning and helping them to understand the impact of possible settlements on their future income and expenditure.

I am co-chair of the Collaborative Working Party, a sub-group of the Dispute Resolution Committee within Resolution.

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