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## **George Mathieson, Curriculum Vitae.**

### **Area of Expertise: Pensions and Divorce**

I am a director and the founder of Mathieson Consulting Limited. The company was established to provide highly specialised services to matrimonial lawyers, barristers, and others in the field of Pensions and Divorce.

Historically, I have been an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers, by examination, and an FSA Authorised Independent Financial Adviser, which was also granted only on completion of study and examination. In addition, I have studied and passed the Advanced Financial Planning Examination G60, which is the Pensions Module of the Advanced Financial Planning certificate, as assessed by the Chartered Insurance Institute. This exam is considered to be of a standard equivalent to a degree.

I have worked in the financial services sector for over 20 years, both in banking, investment advice, and pensions. I have a wide experience of managing the investments which comprise the pension assets about which I comment, as well as advising on the establishment, maintenance, funding, and administration of many types of pension scheme.

Over the past 10 years, I have been asked to consider pension issues in over 1000 Ancillary relief proceedings. I undertake a forensic analysis of benefit disclosure, and advise both instructing solicitor and Counsel upon the options available, and the ramifications for their clients. My involvement in these cases has included acting as a single joint expert, party expert, and shadow expert.

In addition, I am now receiving a number of instructions to act as expert witness in professional negligence cases involving pensions and divorce.

I have experience of giving oral evidence in Court and being cross examined thereon.

I was involved in the Martin-Dye case, advising Counsel for Mr Martin-Dye in the Court of Appeal.

I have delivered many lectures around the country, for Resolution, sets of Chambers, and professionally for specialist legal training firms. I have also run many in-house training sessions for firms of lawyers specialising in Ancillary Relief.

I have had a number of articles published in leading legal journals on the subject of Pensions and Divorce, including Family Law Journal.

I have now been formally engaged to provide expert analysis of Judgements as far as pensions are concerned, in the first major qualitative and quantitative research paper into pensions and divorce being undertaken by the Law School at Cardiff University and funded by the Nuffield Foundation. This work involves assessing, with the Court's permission, over 500 judgements from 3 different Courts in the UK, and analysing how pensions were treated. This will provide me with a great understanding of how different Courts deal with pension matters.

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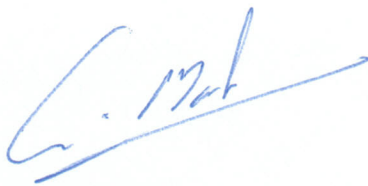
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Testimonials:

*For many, if not most, divorcing couples, the pension assets will be the most valuable asset that they have after their matrimonial home. Whilst hours can be taken arguing over the value of the home, and thousands spent on expert valuations, all too often little or no attention is paid to the pensions issue other than obtaining a basic CETV. That figure is often misleading or incorrectly calculated. I would suggest that in any case where pensions are a substantial asset, expert advice is taken. I know of no one better able to provide that advice and to think creatively about how to get the most out of the pension pot than George Mathieson.*

**Nicholas Francis QC, Head of 29 Bedford Row Chambers**



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