

Husband gets Sharp cut to divorce payout

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A CITY trader yesterday won in a court battle to cut a divorce settlement to her former husband.

Energy trader Julie Sharp had the amount payable to Robin Sharp cut from £2.74m to £2m. Judges said the pair's "short, childless" marriage allowed for a bypass of a traditionally equal settlement.

The pair married in 2009 before Julie

Sharp filed a petition for divorce.

Julie Sharp earned £10.5m in bonuses during their marriage and the judges said: "[T]he husband made no contribution to the source of the wife's bonuses...

"[T]his is not a case where, save in the final year, the husband is said to have contributed more to the home life or welfare of the family than the wife."

Hughes Fowler Carruthers lawyer Alex Carruthers said: "This raises far more questions than it answers".