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Renato has wide experience in dealing with financial disputes within divorce proceedings and following cohabitation, and in complex private law children cases.

He is a member of Resolution and a fellow of the International Academy of Family Lawyers. Renato is featured in Spear's Family Law Index's 'Top Recommended Family Lawyers' list, which describes him as a "highly effective operator". Renato advises trustees as well as HNW individuals and their families.

Renato is recommended in both Chambers and The Legal 500 as a leading individual. Chambers UK 2022 reconfirms Renato's Band 1 ranking and highlights "he is respected for his expertise in matrimonial finance matters with trust and property issues". The Guide commends him for being "an extremely proficient practitioner who is notable for his calmness" and having "particularly good bedside manner with clients". Chambers UK 2021 noted he is highly recommended for his established practice in divorce proceedings, praising him for handling a range of complex matters, including cross-border financial remedy and enforcement cases.

A Chambers HNW 2023 source comments that Renato is "universally liked by clients," continuing that he is "utterly charming" and "very bright on technical legal points and spots them before other people do. He takes a strong view of how the case will go early on, and can spot a case that will go all the way to court." Another source enthuses that "he has the client down to a tee, and he's quick, efficient, and has a good instinct for what the outcome will be." Chambers HNW 2022 describes Renato as "a fantastic strategist...he provides really thorough, well-informed advice. He is superbly clever and also prepared to take a measured and appropriate risk where needed." Renato is commended by a Chambers source as "a fantastic solicitor and I think he is extraordinarily well prepared, a good tactician and very intelligent. He leaves no stone unturned and he's always thinking one step ahead of the game."

The Legal 500 UK 2022 reconfirms Renato's ranking as a 'Leading Individual' and highlights he "combines great charm with tenacity and tactical nous" and is "especially good at dealing with complex financial remedies claims". The Guide adds Renato "is a fine tactician and careful thinker, who can take a case through to trial with relish. His advice is clear, cogent, creative and realistic". The Legal 500 UK 2021 reconfirmed Renato's ranking as a 'Leading Individual' and praised him for having a "first-rate legal mind", describing him as "charming to his clients but tenacious with the opposition".

Renato studied international history and politics at Leeds University, and qualified as a solicitor in 1997.

He spent a year as a commercial litigator in City law firm DLA Piper after qualification before joining the family department of Bates, Wells & Braithwaite in 1998. Renato has been a partner at Hughes Fowler Carruthers since 2005.

Renato's interests include politics, music and the arts. For many years he was a trustee and Chair of Poet in the City, a venture philanthropy charity, and he remains on the corporate panel.



He is strong and fiercely defends his clients but also offers realistic and compassionate advice.



He has a serious brain at work and is extremely sensible.



'One of the very best divorce solicitors in London.'



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OUR REPORTED CASES

We make every effort to settle cases but if litigation is necessary we are very expert in:

- DR v ES & Ors [2024] EWFC 176
- KV v KV [2024] EWFC 165
- Potanina v Potanin [2024] UKSC 3
- I (A Child) (Relocation: Australia) [2024] EWFC 3 (B)
- BL v OR [2023] EWFC 229
- EK v DK & Ors [2023] EWHC 1829 (Fam)
- Bogolyubova v Bogolyubov & Anor [2023] EWCA Civ 547
- Select KR D v PTL [2023] EWHC 1952 (Fam)
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- Sofia Bogolyubova v Gennadiy Bogolyubova [2022] EWFC 199
- WC v HC [2022] EWFC 40
- TR v JM [2022] EWFC 60
- F v M [2022] EWHC 2564 (Fam)
- A v V [2022] EWHC 3501
- DR v ES [2022] EWFC 62
- Crowther v Crowther & Ors (Financial Remedies) [2021] EWFC 88
- Re YP (Adoption of 18 Year Old) [2021] EWHC 3168 (Fam)
- Potanina v Potanin [2021] EWCA Civ 702
- Select Rogan v Rogan [2020] EWFC B32 (OJ)
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- Akhmedova v Akhmedov & Ors (Litigation Funding) (Rev 1) [2020] EWHC 1526 (Fam)
- Akhmedova v Akhmedov & Ors [2020] EWHC 2257 (Fam)
- Akhmedova v Akhmedov & Ors [2020] EWHC 2235 (Fam)
- Crowther v Crowther [2020] EWCA Civ 762
- AF v SF [2019] EWHC 1224 (Fam)
- Select Timokhina v Timokhin [2019] EWCA Civ 1284
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- Pierburg v Pierburg [2019] EWFC 24
- W v H [2019] EWFC B19
- Potanin v Potanina [2019] EWHC 2956 (Fam)
- Rogan v Rogan [2019] EWHC 814 (Fam)
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- AF v SF [2019] EWHC 1224 (Fam)
- MB v TB [2018] EWHC 2035 (Fam)
- Rogan v Rogan [2018] EWHC 2512 (Fam)
- AVR (Children) [2018] EWHC 2771 (Fam)
- Mantegazza v Mantegazza [2017] EWHC 3811 (Fam)
- GvS [2017] EWHC 365 (Fam)
- Bezeliansky v Bezelianskaya [2017] EWCA Civ 76
- MG v FG (Schedule 1 - Application to strike out Estoppel Legal Costs Funding) [2016] EWHC 1964 (Fam)
- Juffali v Juffali [2016] EWHC 1684 (Fam)
- De Renee v Galbraith-Marten [2016] EWCA Civ 537
- TM v AH [2016] EWHC 572 (Fam)
- Estrada v Al-Juffali [2016] EWHC 213 (Fam)
- Al-Juffali v Estrada & Another [2016] EWCA Civ 176
- Work v Gray [2016] EWHC 562 (Fam)
- Work v Gray [2016] EWCA Civ 286
- BD v FD (No 2) [2016] EWHC 594 (Fam)
- Re C (Older Children - Relocation) [2015] EWCA Civ 1298
- WA v Executors of the Estate of HA & Others [2015] EWHC 2233 (Fam)
- Gray v Work [2015] EWHC 834 (Fam)
- Arif v Anwar [2015] EWHC 124 (Fam)
- BD v FD (Maintenance) [2014] EWHC 4443 (Fam)
- Arif v Anwar [2014] EWHC 4669 (Fam)
- Luckwell v Limata [2014] EWHC 1035 (Fam)
- Luckwell v Limata [2014] EWHC 502 (Fam)
- MvW [2014] EWHC 925 (Fam)
- Evans v Evans [2013] EWHC 506 (Fam)
- Young v Young [2013] EWHC 34 (Fam)
- Tchenguiz-Imerman v Imerman [2013] 3627 (Fam)
- Mohan v Mohan [2013] EWCA Civ 586
- Arif v Anwar & Anor [2013] EWCH 624 (Fam)
- Tchenguiz-Imerman v Imerman [2012] EWCH 4277 (Fam)
- Evans v Evans [2012] EWCA Civ 1293
- Sofia Arif v (1) Arif Anwar Zar (2) Raziz Rehan [2012] EWCA Civ 986
- Av (1) B (2) C [2012] EWCA Civ 285 Vv V [2011] EWHC 1190 (Fam)



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- Golubovich v Mirimskaya [2010] EWCA Civ 1519
- Marano v Marano [2010] EWCA Civ 119
- Ahmed v Khan [2010] EWCA Civ 290
- HvH (Financial Relief) [2010] EWHC 158 (Fam) [2010] 1 FLR 1864
- Sally Ann Lykiardopulo (Appellant) v Panaghis Nicholas Fotis Lykiardopulo (Respondent) & Michael Lykiardopulo (Interested Party) [2010] EWCA Civ 1315
- (1) Robert Tchenguiz (2) Vincent Tchenguiz (3) Tim McClean (4) Nouri Obayda (5) Sarosh Zaiwalla v Vivian Imerman: Vivian Saul Imerman v Elizabeth Tchenguiz Imerman [2010] EWCA Civ 908 . W v W [2010] EWHC 1843 (Fam)
- Golubovich v Golubovich [2010] EWCA Civ 810
- Elizabeth Tchenguiz Imerman v Vivian Saul Imerman [2010] EWHC 64 (Fam)
- Elizabeth Tchenguiz Imerman v Vivian Saul Imerman [2009] EWHC 3486 (Fam)
- Marano v Marano [2009] EWCA Civ 967
- VvV (Financial Relief) [2009] EWHC 2901 (Fam)
- Iqbal Mubarak v the United Kingdom [2009] ECHR 1437
- Bokor-Ingram v Bokor-Ingram [2009] EWCA Civ 412; [2009] 2 FLR 922
- Mubarak v Mubarak [2008] JRC 136 [2009] 1 FLR 664
- MacLeod v MacLeod (2008) UKPC 64; [2009] 3 WLR 437
- AB V JLB [2008] EWHC 2965 (Fam)
- Alexandra Ella v Yuval Ella & Ors [2008] EWHC 3258 (Ch) . lvi [2008] EWHC 1167 (Fam)
- PvP [2007] EWHC 2877 (Fam)
- Mia Holman v Graham Anthony Kingston Howes [2007] EWCA Civ 877
- Hv H (2007) EWHC 459 (Fam) .Lv (1) L (2) H (a firm) [2007] EWHC 140 (QB)
- Mubarak v Mubarak [2007] EWHC 220 (Fam)
- SvS [2006] EWHC 2793 (Fam)
- Mubarak v Mubarak [2006] EWHC 1260 (Fam)
- Mia Holman v Graham Anthony Kingston Howes [2005] EWHC 2824 (Ch)
- Mark v Mark [2005] UKHL 42; [2005] 2 FLR 1193
- Moore v Moore [2004] EWCA Civ 1243
- Mubarak v Mubarak [2004] EWHC 1158 (Fam); [2004] 2 FLR 932
- Mv M [2004] EWCA Civ 168 . Cv FC (Children Proceedings: Costs) [2004] 1 FLR 362 . C v FC (Brussels II: Free-Standing Application for Parental Responsibility) [2004] 1 FLR 317
- W v W (Financial Provision: Form E) [2003] EWHC 2254 (Fam)
- Mubarak v Mubarak [2003] 2 FLR 553; [2002] EWHC 2171 (Fam)
- SvS [2002] EWHC 223 (Fam)