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4PB hosts launch of Resolution's report on Domestic Abuse in Financial Remedy Proceedings

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Today 4PB is delighted to host the launch of Resolution's report on Domestic Abuse in Financial Remedy Proceedings.

The report explores the perspectives of family law professionals on this issue. It represents the combined efforts of over 50 barristers, solicitors, academics, independent financial advisers, mediators, coaches, and domestic abuse charities, who have explored this pressing and important topic on behalf of Resolution.

The report has been co-chaired by <u>Anita Mehta</u> from 4PB and Olivia Piercy from Hunters.

Anita commented: "This report shines a light on the experiences of victim-survivors who are accessing the Family Justice System in respect of resolving their finances. It pulls together insights both from professionals and victim-survivors.

The report grapples with the difficult question of whether the impact of domestic abuse should be reflected in the final division of the parties' finances. It recognises that there are a wide range of views about that issue and does not make a final recommendation in that regard. However, it recommends a number of changes that can be made from the moment the parties have separated until a final court order is enacted to make the journey safer and fairer for victim-survivors.

Resolution hopes to work with other stakeholders, senior judiciary and policymakers to co-operate around implementing the recommendations in 2025."

The launch event will take place today from 5pm to 6pm, at 4PB. The guests will hear from:

- Anita Mehta 4PB
- Charles Hale 4PB
- Nicole Jacobs The Domestic Abuse Commissioner
- Grant Cameron Chair of Resolution
- Olivia Piercy Hunters
- Samantha Hillas KC St John's Buildings

You can view the report <u>here</u>.