

I want that back...



Jennifer Brunt

Picture a typical family life – spending money on holidays, new car, decorating the home. One spouse may earn more than the other so will spend a little more; one spouse may come into money and decide to treat the family. While everything is bliss, husband and wife continue to spend money on the family life they have built together and will think nothing of it.

Then comes the tragic circumstance of a divorce and the realisation that you have spent your money and you now want it back. But can you get this back?

Jennifer Brunt, Director and Head of Private Family Law at Jackson Lees, comments:

“It is not uncommon within the financial proceedings of a divorce that a spouse will raise the issue of spending throughout the marriage. One party may indicate that they have paid for the kitchen to be refurbished, purchased a new car, etc., or generally paid the day-to-day running of the family home, while the other spouse did not contribute.

“When one party has made big purchases within the marriage, they may wish to recoup the money they have spent when it comes to settling a financial division of assets. In circumstances where there are enough assets to divide, it may be a valid argument if one party had discharged a debt for the benefit of the other. However, when it comes to purchases that have benefited the family and were utilised for the family, i.e. a holiday, a car, the new roof, the arguments become a lot more difficult. If monies are used within the matrimonial finances and not kept separate, it can be considered that both parties had the benefit of the purchases and, therefore, there is little argument to recover this money.

At Jackson Lees we understand that a breakdown of a relationship is upsetting and can be one of the most difficult times in your life. We will provide you with expert, professional and sensitive legal advice, helping you deal with divorce, financial matters and any questions you may have as a parent.

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“Parties would also have to consider if there are enough assets available to divide between them. A court could not add money back into the ‘matrimonial pot’ if this money does not exist.

“If you are unsure about where you stand with your financial division of assets, we can assist you with any queries that you may have.”

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