

# Husband in big money divorce did not make a “special contribution” to family welfare

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*Work v Gray [2017] EWCA Civ 270*

The Court of Appeal has rejected the appeal by Randy Work that he made a “special financial contribution” to the welfare of his family by making an exceptionally large sum of money, such that an unequal division of wealth in his favour in his divorce settlement should be awarded. The Court of Appeal rejected the argument that the concept of “special contribution” to family welfare under section 25(2)(f) of the Matrimonial Causes Act is inherently discriminatory in that it is likely to favour men and breadwinners in divorce proceedings (noting that it is extremely rarely applied), but held that a special contribution had not been made out in this case.

A link to the judgment is [here](#).

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Maya Lester QC and Oliver Jones appeared for Mandy Gray, instructed by Payne Hicks Beach.

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