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## **QUEEN'S BENCH - FAMILY DIVISION**

## CAMPBELL v CAMPBELL

Sir George Baker P

23 January 1976

FAMILY LAW - QUESTION OF PARTIES TO FAMILY LAW ACTION SEEKING TO CONTEST CONDUCT - WHETHER ALLEGATIONS OF CONDUCT SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED.

The husband sought to raise the question of the wife's conduct over the years.

**SIR GEORGE BAKER:** "Although conduct falling short of that which was gross and obvious must be disregarded in considering financial positions, in many cases it was necessary to investigate allegations of conduct in order to assess whether it could properly be described as gross or abnormal — nevertheless, the court should avoid, where possible, lengthy and profitless investigations particularly as in the present case where the alleged incidents occurred ten years ago, and where they had approached the marriage with their eyes open to each others character.

It will normally be sufficient to dispose of a question of conduct by consideration of the affidavits of the parties."