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# Princess in divorce brings case to London for 'best settlement'

By Brian Farmer

A European princess made a "sensible" decision to file for divorce in London in order to reach a settlement with her former husband, a specialist lawyer has claimed.

Princess Tessy of Luxembourg asked a High Court judge to make a ruling about how the assets with her former husband, Prince Louis of Luxembourg (*inset*), should be divided.

The couple, who are both 31 and have a home in London, attended a private hearing last week. They were granted a decree nisi at a family court in the



**i** Princess Tessy had a successful career in the army and she met Prince Louis in 2004, while she was a driver for the Nato peacekeeping force in Kosovo.

capital in February after the Princess complained of her husband's "unreasonable behaviour".

They were married at the Grand Ducal Palace in Luxembourg in 2006 and separated 10 years later. The couple have two children.

Alex Carruthers, a solicitor at Hughes Fowler Carruthers, said yesterday: "Princess Tessy's decision to file for divorce in London is a sensible one, as the city, in general, is one of the best jurisdictions in the world for the economically weaker party.

"It is for this reason that London has earned its title as 'the divorce capital of the world'."

Mr Justice MacDonald, who oversaw the preliminary hearing in the Family Division of the High Court, analysed a number of legal issues on Friday and was expected to oversee a further hearing in the near future. The judge urged the couple to negotiate to try to settle their differences.



Princess Tessy has asked a judge in London to rule on a settlement PA