



Simrin Choudhrie, with her estranged husband, Bhanu, lived in a £20 million Belgravia mansion. She admitted in 2011 that she had never cooked dinner

Baroness Fiona Shackleton, Stewart Leech, QC, Daniel Bentham and Amy Kissler. Mr Choudhrie has been represented by Ayesha Vardag, Richard Todd, QC, Nicholas Yates, QC, and Ben Wooldridge.

Mr Choudhrie had previously sought to prevent his wife from disclosing "pillow talk" business information. That case was struck out after her lawyers offered assurances that she would not pass on information.

Mrs Choudhrie appeared on the TV show in 2011, when she helped out at a homeless charity in Sheffield. At the end of the programme, in which she said she had never cooked dinner for herself, she donated £100,000.

Mrs Choudhrie, who lived with her husband in Belgravia, central London, in a house worth £20 million, campaigned for the former MP Simon Hughes when he failed to become Mayor of London in 2004.

Mr Choudhrie and his father, Sudhir, have given £1.6 million to the Lib

Dems since 2004. Both were questioned by the Serious Fraud Office in 2014 during an investigation into bribes allegedly paid by Rolls-Royce while negotiating a defence contract in India.

Neither was charged and the case was settled after Rolls-Royce paid a £671 million penalty. The Choudhries denied any wrongdoing.

Wife's £60m divorce deal from heir to India's elite

A woman who appeared on the Channel 4 reality show *The Secret Millionaire* is entitled to £60 million after the break-up of her marriage to a wealthy businessman, a judge has ruled (Jack Malvern writes).

Simrin Choudhrie, 38, had been seeking £100 million from Bhanu Choudhrie, 41, an heir of one of India's richest families and a donor to the Liberal Democrats.

Mr Justice Cohen considered the dispute at private hearings, where journalists were barred from disclosing extensive details. The case involved some of Britain's leading divorce lawyers.

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