

# Family Law



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*What matters to you matters to us*



### Our committed and experienced Family Law team offers you specialist advice and assistance in these areas:

- New and existing relationships
- Children
- Change of Name
- Relationship Breakdowns
- Collaborative Law
- Domestic Abuse

### An expert, sympathetic and compassionate service

As a firm we are proud our excellent success rate, legal expertise, and friendly pragmatic approach. We understand that any relationship breakdown can be difficult and upsetting. So as well as our proven legal expertise, we offer all clients a sympathetic and compassionate service.

### Avoiding costly legal debates

Legal costs can be another stressful feature of any relationship breakdown. To help reduce your financial worries, we promise to be open and transparent about our costs at all times. Our Family Law team is determined to do everything possible to help you avoid costly legal debates. We strive to bring every situation to conclusion as soon as is realistically possible.

As a member of Resolution, we follow the code of practice promoting a constructive and nonconfrontational approach. We find that this reduces the emotional temperature and increases the chance of reaching agreement by negotiation.

### New and Existing Relationships

#### Safeguard your future

Increasingly, couples are taking steps to regulate what will happen if their relationship ends. Agreeing an arrangement in advance can reduce the scope and cost if there is a dispute in the future.

We can help put in place protective measures in new and existing relationships such as:

- Pre and post-nuptial and partnership agreements
- Living together agreements
- Declarations of trust

Having discussions with your spouse about what would happen to your respective assets in the event of marriage breakdown may feel uncomfortable, however, making an agreement at this stage can prove extremely beneficial to both parties than at a later, emotionally charged, time. It is sensible for couples with even moderate wealth to, at least, consider taking preliminary advice on whether or not to have a pre-marital or pre-partnership agreement drawn up.

## Relationship Breakdown

Everyone deals with the breakdown of a relationship in different ways. Most find it to be an emotional and confusing time. We provide sensitive but objective advice that takes into account the emotional as well as the financial aspects of the separation. Our specialist service includes divorce and dissolution of civil partnerships together with the related arrangements for children and finance and separation agreements (for cohabitants, or those who do not want a divorce but need a written arrangement).

## Children

### **Clearly explaining and protecting your children's rights and options**

Any parent involved in divorce dissolution or separation is bound to be concerned about their children, where they will live and how contact will be maintained with them.

The divorce, dissolution and separation process can have a very negative impact on children, and our lawyers are very aware of how sensitive this issue can be.

### **Practical and sensible advice**

Forrester Sylvester Mackett will strive at all times to provide you with practical and sensible advice.

### **Minimising conflict**

We will ensure your rights and obligations regarding your children are clearly and fully explained to you.

Our specialist lawyers will take time to discuss all your available legal options regarding your children. You will always receive realistic and pragmatic advice designed to minimize hostility and conflict.

If there are any issues concerning your children that you cannot agree on, we are here to provide you with the advice and guidance you need to make the child focused decisions, from talking through your rights to making a formal application to the court.

We offer free 30-minute initial consultations, where you can talk in confidence to one of our lawyers about your problem, your rights and your options.

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