

Co-parenting



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Any parent going through a separation is bound to be concerned about their children, where they will live and how contact will be maintained with both of their parents.

The separation process can have a significant impact on children and our family experts are very aware of how sensitive this issue can be.

Our family law experts will strive to provide you with practical and sensible advice at all times. With their experience and knowledge they will be able to talk you through the appropriate steps for you to take to work towards co-parenting with your ex-partner.

Many people elect to have a co-parenting agreement put into place.

A co-parenting agreement can set out:-

- How the children's time will be divided between you;
- What role you will each play in the children's day to day care, overall care and upbringing;
- Where the children will attend school;
- How to approach specific aspects of the children's upbringing such as religion.

Co-parenting agreements are not legally binding and therefore will not be final in the event of a dispute. However, if you did need to make a court application in relation to the children then any previously agreed co-parenting agreement will assist the court in understanding what both the parents had previously agreed would be best for the children and why.

Our family law experts can assist you in drafting a co-parenting agreement to suit your family and routine.



If arrangements cannot be agreed and you cannot agree where your children should live and when they will see the other parents and how holidays and special occasions should be divided then we can represent parents, grandparents and other family members in wide range of disputes regarding children.

This includes emergency court applications and child abduction.

Our family law experts can guide you as to when a child arrangements application to the court may be necessary to obtain an order which stipulates child arrangements.

Through the family court you can obtain a "live with", "spend time with" or "shared care" agreement.

We can also help you with specific issues such as when parents cannot agree which school a child should attend by applying for a "specific issues order".

Furthermore, if you are trying to stop a parent from taking a specific measure such as taking the children abroad then we can help you apply for a "prohibited steps order".

Every case has its own set of unique circumstances which must be considered.

Please therefore contact our team to arrange a free half an hour appointment to discuss your case.

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