Family Law





A family problem or relationship breakdown is rarely straightforward. We encourage you always to put your children first and will guide you every step of the way.

We provide a comprehensive range of advice, covering:

Divorce	Separation agreements
Children Law	Mediation and arbitration
Collaborative law	Domestic abuse
Financial claims	Same sex marriages

Recent cases

We acted for a father of a young boy whose mother was totally against him staying with his father. We were able to prepare him with knowledge of the court process and what the judge would take into account. After three court hearings the father was given an order allowing him to care for their son.

We advised a wife on a complex multi million-pound divorce and financial settlement. There were also issues involving children and who they should live with. The outcome was favourable with a substantial capital settlement, ongoing maintenance and the children staying with our client.

CLIENT TESTIMONIAL | Jacqueline Hall

I would like to thank you for the considerable amount of compassion and support shown whilst going through an extremely stressful divorce. You always made time for me and helped take away a lot of the worry and stress.

Our team deals with family problems with sympathy, professionalism and care.

A typical divorce process

Note: a Petitioner is the person who files for divorce. A Respondent is the person who has the divorce filed against them.

The Petitioner issues a petition to the court and the court sends this to the Respondent.

Respondent acknowledges the petition.

a Court sends the acknowledgment to the Petitioner.

Respondent fails to acknowledge the petition.

- 1b If the Respondent fails to acknowledge the petition the Petitioner arranges to have the documents personally served.
- Petitioner files statement in support of divorce and an application for Decree Nisi.
- 2a The Decree Nisi is pronounced giving the court power to deal with transfer of properties, maintenance, payment of a lump sum, pension sharing order etc.
- 3 Petitioner applies for Decree Absolute after six weeks and one day. (If no application is made see 3a.)
- ______ Decree Absolute granted.
- 3a If the Petitioner does not apply for Decree Absolute then the respondent can apply after waiting four months, two weeks and one day.
- 3b A hearing will take place.

This workflow shows the process of a typical divorce case. There are many items which can affect or delay the process and our team will advise

3c Decree Absolute granted.

How we can help

We recognise that in family legal matters there are personal and emotional impacts on the whole family as well as financial costs. We work with you to ensure your matter runs smoothly resulting in the most positive outcome possible for you.

Where possible we solve matters outside of court through mediation, arbitration and other alternative methods. This approach not only saves you money but can also help to keep your relationship amicable and open to negotiations.

Many of our team are members of Resolution, the national organisation of family solicitors that is committed to a constructive, non-confrontational approach to family problems.

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