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## Family

We have a large and experienced team of specialist family lawyers. All lawyers in our family law team are members of Resolution and the team includes trained collaborative lawyers and a mediator.

### Divorce and Civil Partnership Dissolution

We will provide you with specialist and comprehensive advice on the financial implications of your separation or divorce. Whilst we will always aim to negotiate a suitable financial settlement in order to avoid unnecessary acrimony and limit costs, Court proceedings can be issued where appropriate. We have particular expertise in cases involving substantial assets including those with complex pension, business, tax and trust issues or with an international dimension.

### Pre-Nuptial and Post-Nuptial Agreements

To try and achieve certainty regarding financial issues should your relationship fail our team can offer specialist advice on the preparation of Pre-Nuptial and Post-Nuptial Agreements.

## Children

We can advise on all issues concerning children which may arise upon the breakdown of a parental relationship including:-

- Contact with children, living arrangements and parental responsibility
- Any child-related disputes such as schooling
- Changing a child's surname
- Adoption

We have significant experience in dealing with complex children matters such as those involving international elements, including abduction. We also conduct claims under Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989 which enables the Court to make awards of property, lump sums and maintenance provision for children.

## Living Together

We can assist you should you be contemplating cohabitation. This area of law remains complex and early advice can prevent costly legal disputes in the event of the breakdown of your relationship. We can also advise you upon the breakdown of a relationship on legal and financial rights and obligations including property, inheritance and other issues.

## No Court Divorce

Collaborative practice is offered as an alternative to Court for resolving family disputes. This involves couples, their solicitors and other professionals working together to reach an agreement upon relationship breakdown. Whilst each party has his or her own legal representative, we try to resolve the issues without resorting to costly or stressful Court proceedings.

## Domestic Violence and Abuse

We have extensive experience of dealing with this very serious problem.

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