

Family Law



DIVORCE AND SEPARATION

There are many reasons why a person would wish to discuss family problems with a solicitor.

Some people may seek advice because they are encountering temporary difficulties and have no wish to end a relationship formally.

Others may have domestic problems that they need to resolve but are undecided or unclear as to the future of the relationship.


We can help with:

- The Family Home
- Child Support
- Financial Provisions
- Emergency Action
- Children
- Maintenance
- Pensions

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

In an emergency situation, we can obtain injunctions for your protection as well as offering advice on issues concerning the home, the children and financial matters.

We can help with:

- Physical Abuse
 - Verbal Abuse
 - Damage to Property
 - Other forms of Harassment
 - Powers of Arrest
 - Emergency Court Orders to secure protection
 - Orders regulating living arrangements in the house
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LIVING TOGETHER (Cohabitation)

In England and Wales relationships outside of marriage have no special status.

When partners separate they must rely on a complex web of trust and property law to establish who owns what.

We can help with:

- The Family Home
- Children
- Child Support
- Financial Settlements
- Pensions
- Inheritance Claims
- Emergency Action
- Living Together Agreements

CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

The law now provides for the Registration of Civil Partnerships.

We can provide advice on the implications in entering into these new legal relationships.

We can help with:

- Pre-Civil Partnership Agreements
 - The Home
 - The Children
 - Finances
 - Pensions
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CHILDREN MATTERS

Disputes about the welfare and upbringing of children can occur at any time.

We deal with a wide variety of cases, including disputes about with whom the children should live, when they should see the other parent or other family members and obtaining financial provision for them.

We can help with:

- Living Arrangements
- Contact Arrangements
- Financial Arrangements
- Child Support
- Appointment of a Guardian
- Rights of Parents
- Involvement of Grandparents
- Adoption
- Change of Name
- Holidays or permanent moves abroad
- Specific Issues such as Education, Religion and Medical Intervention
- Issues with Social Services

ABOUT PICTONS

Pictons Solicitors LLP has been successfully servicing the legal needs of businesses and individuals for more than 40 years. Our legal experts are on hand to advise and assist with every area of your professional and personal life, operating from three offices across Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire.

Whatever your legal needs or concerns, Pictons has the dedicated expertise to help you, backed up by a strong reputation for quality of advice and client care.

The Family Department at Pictons is one of the largest teams in the region and provides clients with a complete range of services relevant to relationship breakdowns.

We have specialists in divorce, civil partnerships, financial matters and matters relating to children. We are also trained on collaborative law, which allows you and your lawyer to find a solution that suits your situation without recourse to the Courts. We regularly deal with cases where the assets are substantial and the issues are complex. Our expertise is recognised by our membership to The Law Society's Family and Children Panels. Furthermore, we are members of Resolution and The Association of Lawyers for Children.

Our aim is to reach a constructive, agreed settlement wherever possible. However, when appropriate, we pursue Court Proceedings actively and cost effectively, keeping you informed every step of the way.



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