

Divorce or Separation





Change of name

We can help you change your name simply and easily. A change of name deed is drawn up by one of our expert lawyers and the proper procedure carried out to ensure its legal status. If there are any associated matters to the change of name deed, we can discuss this at the time.

Mediation

One way of resolving the issues which arise when there are relationship difficulties is through mediation. Mediation is a recognised process where the parties involved in a dispute can meet together with a trained expert who takes on the role of mediator and helps you reach an agreement. Farnfields provides an expert mediation service that can often help avoid more lengthy or complex legal cases.

Excellence

We appreciate that you may have lots of questions and concerns. We offer a free half hour initial interview at no obligation. We will be able to advise you on the matters that you need to consider and will always endeavour to do this in plain English.

Farnfields is Lexcel accredited – a Law Society quality mark for excellence. We have knowledgeable and sympathetic solicitors who are trained mediators and collaborative lawyers. If you are looking for confidential and friendly family law advice, contact us and speak to an experienced family law solicitor today.



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Looking after the family

Whatever your situation, relationships can sometimes break down and that is when turning to a family solicitor can really help you to resolve difficulties quickly.

We will work hard to get to know you and understand your unique situation so that we can work with you to resolve whatever issues you are facing, allowing you to start planning for a happier future. Below are the family law services we can help you with should the need arise.

Divorce/Dissolution of Civil Partnership

It is good to get legal advice as soon as possible so that you know what your options are. If you have children, you will want to know how to make the right decisions for them too. Farnfields can help make the divorce process easier, providing expert divorce/dissolution advice and ensuring that you are treated fairly during and following the divorce.

Separation

A Separation Agreement can be used to set out the arrangements agreed on a relationship breakdown following actual or imminent separation. This applies whether a couple is married or not. A formal Separation Agreement is effectively a contract and, if the terms are fair, it may be possible to enforce it and in certain situations even claim compensation for the other's breach. We can advise you on what constitutes 'fair terms' and write it in a formal agreement.



Domestic violence

If you are in a relationship that is not working for you, either because you feel threatened or are with a violent or abusive partner, it can be difficult to know where to turn to for help. Asking for help can be the first step to resolving the situation.

We work quickly to understand your unique situation and make your safety our priority. If you are in immediate danger we can take swift action and, where necessary, obtain court orders to protect you and your family from the abusive partner.

Safeguarding the children

We make your children our number one priority. Throughout all the practical considerations that are required during a separation or divorce, we never lose sight of the fact that your children's physical and emotional wellbeing come first.

We will make sure that everyone involved understands their legal rights and responsibilities whilst ensuring that the views of you and your children are heard.

Prenuptial agreements

Planning a wedding is an exciting time – and also a time when you start thinking about your long-term future. It is a good idea to prepare for every eventuality. With a Prenuptial agreement in place, you and your partner can enter into marriage knowing in advance what should happen if you do choose to end your marriage in the future.

Prenuptial agreements set out in writing the agreed division of each person's assets and finances if the

marriage breaks down. It gives you both the opportunity to agree in advance what is fair rather than having to argue, possibly in court, in the event of a divorce, which might result in you having to give up more of your assets and/or your income.

Cohabitation agreements

More and more couples are choosing to live together and share their lives without getting married. Whilst, emotionally, you may feel no different to a married couple, under the law couples that live together without getting married do not share the same legal rights as those who marry. If splitting up is the last thing on your mind right now, it is sensible to plan for the future by creating a Cohabitation agreement. This will give you the peace of mind that, however your relationship may change in the future, you will be legally protected.

Collaborative law

Collaborative family law is a way of reaching agreement in face to face meetings about the issues which arise on the breakdown of a relationship. Both partners have their own independent lawyer to advise and support them through the process. The process involves commitment from the parties and lawyers to achieving a settlement agreement through constructive discussions involving both the parties and their lawyers. In collaborative law, both parties agree not to go to court to resolve the issues but agree to work them out in the face to face meetings.



Our friendly lawyers will put you at ease and explain everything clearly using plain English.

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