



Expertise & Experience

Bartons' family team has the experience and expert legal knowledge necessary to give the best advice possible on matrimonial matters. But more than that, we understand the problems and the trauma involved in family breakdowns, and will help you with sympathy and understanding.

Although you may be experiencing difficulties for the first time, the likelihood is that we have dealt with something similar before. As a result of this we can guide you through this difficult time with understanding and professional advice, to ensure that the most satisfactory and realistic outcome is achieved.

We encourage solutions that consider the needs of the whole family and in particular the best interests of the children.



Quality Service

Members of the family team understand the many complex issues to consider when a relationship breaks down and work with understanding to ensure the most satisfactory and realistic outcome is achieved for their clients. They promote a non-confrontational approach to minimise the stress and costs involved in any breakdown, but if circumstances demand it they will fight hard for their clients.

The department also regularly deal with pre and post nuptial agreements which, following a Supreme Court judgment, have an important role to play in protecting family wealth and assets.

Pro-Active Advice

Our family department is able to advise on:

- Divorce
- Judicial Separation
- Dissolving Civil Partnerships
- Financial Agreements for Maintenance and Capital
- Clean Break Orders
- Pension Sharing
- Ownership/Occupation of and Rights to Property (Trusts of Land and Appointment of Trustees Act 1996)
- Protection from Harm and Non Molestation Orders
- Cohabitation Law including Claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975.
- Decisions about Children and applications under the Children Act 1989 to determine where they should live, who they should see, relocation of a child overseas, rights of grandparents and step parents, change of the child's name, issues around proposed medical treatment

In-House Support Service

The family department benefits from a strong in-house support service from property, commercial and private client lawyers within the company. This specialist knowledge enables the family department to support clients with advice that may be needed at crucial points in a relationship breakdown whether there are housing, wills and inheritance, agricultural or commercial issues that need to be considered.