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# Family

The Brachers family law team consists of specialist lawyers who are able to advise clients on all aspects of family law including marriage breakdown, cohabitee disputes and children issues. We also offer advice on preventative measures including cohabitation and pre-nuptial agreements which are becoming more commonplace. Our team of lawyers have a broad range of experience which means that we can find the right lawyer to suit your circumstances.

Our lawyers recognise that relationship breakdown is an emotional and difficult time and that an understanding and pragmatic approach is required in order to help you move forward. We aim to give you the best possible advice but in the most practical way possible to minimise this stressful period in your life and ensure that you find the best possible solution for you.

All our solicitors are members of Resolution, the national family law group committed to resolving disputes without unnecessary acrimony. Where possible we try to help our clients to resolve their disputes by agreement and we aim to find the most suitable approach to assist you and your family.

We are able to offer collaborative law and mediation as an alternative method of working out a settlement. Failing these options then we are experienced in the traditional court approach.

## Divorce and civil partnership dissolution

In the event that you feel that your marriage or civil partnership is coming to an end or has already broken down irretrievably, we can explain the options available to you with a view to ensuring that matters are dealt with as sensitively and efficiently as possible. We can guide you through every stage of your separation from issuing a Petition through to Decree Absolute or Final Order.



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## Financial settlement

We specialise in advising clients on financial issues and the division of their assets and all aspects of future financial provision for them and/or their children. We are particularly well renowned for our work involving high net worth individuals advising on complex financial matters and dealing with high value estates. We will consider you and your family's financial resources and needs to include potential claims for housing needs, lump sum orders, maintenance and pensions. If necessary, we can make emergency applications to protect assets on your behalf. We will always advise you of all your options for negotiating a settlement so that you can decide which course best suits you and your family.

## Living together

More and more couples now choose to cohabit and the law for cohabitants is very different to the law applied to married couples. We can advise you of the options available to you should your relationship break down including advice about any jointly owned property and provision for children. We can also assist you in the preparation of a cohabitation agreement to provide you with certainty in the future to prevent unwanted distress should your relationship not work out as planned.

## Children

We can advise you on all matters involving children, including disputes concerning children's residence and their contact with both parents and other relations. We are experienced in resolving disagreements over children's education, religion, name

and also any relocation issues. We will always try and assist you in coming to an agreement without the need for the court's intervention, but sometimes this is not possible and we can assist you through any applications to the court that may be necessary.

## Pre and post nuptial agreements

Couples are increasingly opting to enter into prenuptial agreements because they want to clarify what would happen on a divorce. With the full knowledge of recent changes in the law we can advise you on the up to date position on how prenuptial agreements are dealt with by the courts.

## Mediation

We offer mediation on all kinds of issues arising from separation and divorce, including the practicalities of separation, the question of divorce, arrangements for children, housing, property and capital adjustments, maintenance and any other issues which either party may raise. Mediation provides a professional and supportive forum in which to address these sensitive issues.

## Collaborative law

Brachers has experienced Collaborative lawyers who have been specifically trained in the collaborative approach. Our lawyers, through focussed negotiations, aim to find solutions which are fair for the family as a whole.