

Family Law Service



A divorce creates profound stress and often precipitates many major life changes. At Chapmans, we have a Matrimonial Department, dedicated exclusively to helping individuals undergoing divorce and related matrimonial problems.

Our priority is to provide competent legal advice, with compassion and understanding. With over 50 years experience of divorce and matrimonial law, we understand thoroughly the impact that the law will have in the divorce process and its outcome. On the other hand, we understand and will address your personal pressures and concerns.

Our legal and practical experience, is enhanced by our active commitment and involvement in a number of professional organisations, including the Law Society's Family Panel, Children's Panel and Resolution (formerly known as the Solicitor's Family Law Association). The department also has a Community Legal Services Franchise; this means that we have been specially approved by the Legal Services Commission to provide a quality service to all our matrimonial clients.

Divorce can have a devastating effect on children. Early stages of separation are of course painful, both the for parents, but especially for the children involved.

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For this reason, we encourage our clients to concentrate on the needs of their children; to consider the options they have and which of these might be in the children's best interests. Generally, it is important for children to have a meaningful relationship with both parents.

Together with our clients, we create a plan and a budget to ensure that we have a mutual understanding of the expectation work and costs associated with divorce or other family changes. We make ourselves readily available and refer our clients to the additional expertise of barristers where required.



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The Matrimonial Department, can also rely on the knowledge and input of our Domestic and Commercial Conveyancing, Private Client, Employment and General Litigation Departments, when assessing any business, professional and/or personal circumstances, which are often directly or dramatically affected by divorce. Frequently, these related issues need to be considered at an early stage, when developing and administering a coherent and effective legal strategy.

Chapmans, also assist clients in other domestic matters, including Children Act Application (e.g. Contact, Residence, Prohibited Steps or Specific Issue Orders and Adoption), Cohabitation, Pre-Nuptual Agreements and Domestic Violence.

We have the experience, personal skills and dedication, to effectively counsel clients through distressing situations. Most importantly we have the resources behind us to provide the full compliment of legal expertise necessary when considering the best strategy in the light of our client's overall personal, financial and professional circumstances.



We also have brochures on the following services:

- Personal Injury
- Employment
- Private Client
- Conveyancing

Please telephone and we will be happy to forward these to you.



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Chapmans have a long tradition of providing the highest quality legal work to the local community it serves.

The firm offers advocacy and advice, not only in Personal Injury matters, but additionally, in all areas of employment law, family work and civil litigation.

Members of the firm are also able to deal with conveyancing and other private client work, including wills, the preparation of lasting powers of Attorney and the administration of estates.

Although the firm has deep historical roots, it is modern and forward thinking. This is reflected in the advanced technology used within the firm.

However, the traditional values, which have given the firm its enviable reputation, are still adhered to: In short, to provide clients with a service that is at all times both professional and efficient, but also personal.



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Marilyn Edwards

Marilyn qualified as a solicitor in 1994 and has had a successful career working in London and Kent, before joining Chapmans. She is a member of both the Law Society's Children Panel and Family Law Panel as well as a member of Resolution (formerly the Solicitors Family Law Association).

Her expertise is in Divorce, Separation, Pre-nuptial agreements, Child disputes, Domestic and violence Injunctions, Unmarried parents and Co-habitees.

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