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## Family Law

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# Welcome to Rowlinsons

Family break ups are never easy and it can be a confusing and stressful time. That's why you need help from a solicitor who is both knowledgeable and sympathetic.

Here's where we can help. Our specialist family team has many years' experience and knowledge and we understand the importance of providing clear and simple advice.

Our Head of Department is a member of the Law Society's Family Law accreditation scheme, a mark of recognition of our expertise in Family Law. We are also members of Resolution, a national organisation of family lawyers committed to easing the pain and financial cost of family breakdowns. As part of our team, we also have a trained Collaborative Lawyer and Mediator. This means we are committed to resolving family disputes in a constructive, non-confrontational manner.

When dealing with family matters we understand that it is important to have affordable options and value for money. That's why we offer different pricing structures that are tailored to your individual needs.

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# Divorce & Civil Partnership Dissolution

Obtaining a divorce or dissolution (in cases of civil partnership) is fairly straightforward, however the process is often complicated when there is a disagreement over financial settlements, property and children.

It is for this reason that you should seek legal advice at an early stage from a solicitor specialising in Family Law and divorce.

We have vast experience in dealing with divorce and dissolution and the friendly and experienced team at Rowlinsons will be with you every step of the way. We will avoid any legal jargon and whether by email, telephone or face to face meeting we will communicate in a way that suits you.

You can also benefit from our knowledge of mediation and Collaborative Law as alternative, cost effective ways to negotiate difficult aspects of a separation, whilst minimising conflict between the parties.

**We have experience of dealing with a wide range of complex issues such as cases including:**

- Inherited assets
- Maintenance claims
- Business assets
- Properties or assets owned abroad
- Disputes about arrangements for children

## Co-habitation

Some couples prefer to live together in long term relationships while remaining unmarried. The idea that there is such a thing as a 'common-law' husband or wife is merely a myth and in the event of separation the legal rights afforded to each party are very different from those given to married couples.

For those couples not getting married but setting up home together, a Co-habitation Agreement can be used. This records the agreement between the parties including the property, payment of the mortgage, outgoings, ownership of contents and much more. It can be extremely useful in the event of a break up and Rowlinsons have expertise in preparing Co-habitation Agreements.

The law concerning unmarried break-ups is especially complex and if you don't have a Co-habitation Agreement, then we would recommend that you seek legal advice as soon as possible.

### **We have experience dealing with a wide range of cohabitation issues including:**

- Jointly owned properties
- Properties owned in one person's name only
- Disputes regarding personal items and contents
- Issues relating to debts or payments of outgoings
- Arrangements for the children of the family
- Disputes about arrangements for children

## Disputes Involving Children

Disputes involving children can be extremely sensitive and here at Rowlinsons we understand this. We also understand the emotional impact on the children and hence their welfare is always at the forefront of our minds.

At Rowlinsons we have vast experience in dealing with such matters and wherever possible will encourage you to resolve disagreements regarding the arrangements for your children with your partner. In certain instances we may advise you to consider whether mediation would be helpful.

Occasionally, it is not possible to reach agreement and in this scenario we can provide you with specialist Family Law advice and guide you through the court process.

## Pre & Post Nuptial Agreements

Many relationships end in divorce, and in view of this a lot of couples are now putting in place pre and post nuptial agreements. These family based agreements record the division of assets to make the separation process as simple as possible should the worst happen and they break up in the future.

**We have experience in preparing either pre or post nuptial agreements, which can cover a range of matters including:**

- Ownership of business assets
- Division of jointly owned properties
- Inherited and gifted assets
- Arrangements for children including payment of maintenance, school fees etc.

# Mediation & Collaborative Law

Family mediation and Collaborative Law are alternative ways for separating couples and families to resolve disputes and difficult issues in an amicable manner. Many separating couples want to reach agreements themselves regarding arrangements for their children, or financial matters.

Mediation or Collaborative Law can help separating couples reach a resolution without conflict. These approaches rely on all parties being honest and open in their discussions and can be very effective in removing the stress and costs associated with the court process. It can also help reduce the emotional cost on couples and their children when families split.

The non-confrontational style particularly benefits couples with children who wish to have an amicable relationship after separation.

At Rowlinsons, our family law team are trained in both mediation and Collaborative Law. We can explain the two approaches, the differences between them and which is most likely to be suitable for your particular circumstances.

## **The benefits of both mediation and Collaborative Law include:**

- A safe space for you to explore resolutions to achieve the best outcomes for your family
- It can be a cost effective option
- It is confidential and entirely voluntary
- It is often quicker than the court process

Whilst we appreciate it may not be suitable for all parties, we recommend that our clients consider all options before making a decision on the best way forward.

## Don't just take our word for it...

“Thanks very much! You've been absolutely brilliant.”

MI

“Many, many, thanks for your help and patience. It has been greatly appreciated during this difficult time.”

CA

“Linda was caring and understanding at a very difficult time. She explained everything as we went along, gave me time to think things over and was very patient with me.”

AJ

“Thank you very much for representing me through my divorce. You explained the process so easily in your calm manner.”

SR

“Many thanks for your guidance through the process, I really appreciate your frank and knowledgeable advice, which enabled me to come out of this with a manageable settlement and legal bill.”

RM

“Thank you for all your help in my divorce. Linda helped me so much with everything I had to cope with.”

SE

“I will truly never be able to find the words to thank you enough for everything. You've become like a family member and I'll never forget what you've done for firstly, my family, then me.”

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**...it's priceless**

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