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How can we help?

Sadly, every year about 150,000 marriages end in divorce. A legal process of ending a marriage often has a major impact on all family members, both emotionally and financially.

Non-married couples who live together and then split up face many of the same stresses associated with marriage breakdown.

The Family Team at Mayo Wynne Baxter provide specialist and understanding advice across the broad range of matters which affect you and your family upon the breakdown of a relationship. We will act quickly and effectively to protect your interests in any of the following matters: -

Separation

Whether it is a short or a long relationship or marriage there are inevitably many matters to consider. The circumstances can be especially stressful if there are also children involved. Our Team have particular expertise in dealing with advising clients on initial separation and ensuring that you have the best possible advice and information to enable you to make a decision that is best for you.

Divorce or Dissolution of Civil Partnership

Our Team can help you with the divorce or dissolution process. You will be advised on how much any particular steps are likely to cost, the procedure and how much you could do on your own behalf to minimise such costs.

Financial issues

Resolving financial issues can be an extremely stressful and difficult process and our Team has particular expertise in dealing with complex financial disputes involving the home, businesses, trust assets, maintenance, inheritances and pensions. It is important that you ask for advice as early as possible to enable us to get the best possible outcome for you.

Cohabitation

Many people are surprised to discover that there is no such thing as a “common law man and wife”. Many of the rights of individuals who live together (called “cohabittees”) can be traced back to property rights and trust law. Our Team is experienced in advising couples upon such areas of law which are often complicated.

All members of the Team follow the Resolution code and adopt a conciliatory and constructive approach to relationship breakdowns, although they also have extensive litigation experience should the need arise.

Children

Relationship breakdown can be made even more difficult when there are children to consider. We are fully aware of this and can help to ensure that arrangements are in place to ensure that the children’s best interests are met. We deal with the wide range of children issues, such as their living arrangements, contact arrangements, possible removal from the country and parental responsibility.

Family Mediation

Family mediation is a process by which an impartial third party, the mediator, facilitates a discussion between a separating couple, enabling them to reach an agreement suitable to their situation. The agreement may be about finances and property, children or both. Mediation is not reconciliation and it is not counselling. It is intended to enable the couple to solve their problems together, rather than a Court telling them what they should do.

Agreements to help you avoid court

It is increasingly common these days for individuals to cohabit or marry when each may have their own assets or savings which they may have derived independently of their relationship with the other person. You may have a particular property, inheritance, or business interest that you want to leave to your children particularly if

they are from a previous relationship or to your side of the family.

Courts are beginning now to recognise the validity of such pre nuptial or cohabitation agreements and it is the best way of enabling you to reach your own agreement as to what you agree would be fair. It is a far better option than leaving it to a Judge often some years later to make and impose a decision on you both.

Our specialist team can help with the preparation and cohabitation of pre nuptial agreements to ensure that your interests, and indeed your family’s interests, are protected.

Contact us

For more information on Family Law, contact the Family Law Team using the contact details overleaf.

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