

When you're dealing with difficulties, finding a solicitor you can trust shouldn't be one of them.

Collaborative Law



Too often the process of a relationship breakdown is depicted as acrimonious and litigious with couples arguing over custody, money and even the dog! But it doesn't have to be that way. Collaborative law is a way for couples separating or divorcing to deal with the family breakdown in a dignified and respectful manner with the aim being to avoid going to Court.

Clients are supported during the process by their collaborative lawyer and all issues are addressed at four way face to face meetings with each party's lawyer present which avoids disputes being resolved by way of correspondence.

A Collaborative lawyer assists the parties to share information and explore and negotiate solutions that suit both parties.

Agreements which are reached at the conclusion of the collaborative process are more likely to be workable and mutually acceptable to both parties as they have been instrumental in achieving the outcome in a supported environment. It is different from mediation as it provides separating couples with a greater degree of lawyer support than the mediation model as their Lawyer is present at every meeting and the process is flexible and can be tailored to the needs and requirements of the parties.

Not all situations suit Collaborative Law, for example where there has been domestic abuse or a party is not willing to be transparent in the way they deal with things. However the Collaborative process can help resolve issues including:

- > Divorce and resolving financial settlements
- > Pre and Post-Nuptial agreements
- > Separation of cohabiting couples, including property disputes
- > Child disputes - residence (custody) and contact (access), both for parents and other family members
- > Dissolution of civil partnerships and financial settlements
- > Cohabitation or "living together" agreements
- > Financial settlements for children that do not involve the CSA

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