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Family Law



## How we can help

We have specialists in Family Law at each of our three offices. You can rely on their wide experience in the field of family law and on their ability to deal with your particular problem thoroughly, professionally and to advise on all the options.

We understand the stress and worry people often experience when faced with family problems. These are difficult times and we offer not only professional support but also a sensitive approach towards your needs. We also have specialists who are trained in collaborative law which is a “no court” approach.

### We can help you with ...

- Separation
- Divorce
- Maintenance
- Problems about contact with children
- Domestic violence
- Variation of orders
- Housing and property matters
- Care orders
- Children orders

## How much will it cost?

We will estimate the costs you are likely to incur and discuss it with you before we take any further action on your behalf so you are fully aware of the likely costs involved and keep you regularly updated as your case progresses.

We will advise you at the interview whether or not you qualify for legal aid. People on income support or low incomes usually qualify.

## How long will it take?

People often ask how long it will take to sort out their problem. We help by examining the procedures involved and by giving, wherever possible, an estimate of the time it will take to reach a conclusion. You can be confident that our aim will be to achieve a satisfactory result as quickly as possible.

## If it goes to court

Sometimes it is necessary to take the matter to court, but we try wherever possible to resolve the dispute through constructive discussion, negotiation and collaborative law if appropriate.

This approach is in line with our membership of Resolution whose philosophy is one of conciliation rather than litigation.

However, if it becomes necessary to take your case to court we will provide all the support you need. Court procedures will be clearly explained to you and we will, if necessary, arrange representation at court on your behalf. Your interest and well-being will be our constant priority.

## Taking the first step ...

Having to contact a solicitor to handle your family law issue can be a daunting prospect. All of our family lawyers are trained to handle your case in a constructive and sensitive manner and to encourage solutions that consider a fair outcome for everyone involved, particularly in the interests of children. To speak with one of our family lawyers please telephone your nearest Ellis-Fermor & Negus office.