

## Relationship Breakdown

*“Relationship - the way in which two or more people or things are connected, or the state of being connected by blood or marriage”*

Sadly, it may not always be possible to avoid a disagreement and you may find that you need particular specialist advice.

Whether you are cohabiting or married, the effect of the breakdown upon you and your family may be devastating. You may find that you change your behaviours or coping strategies, or that nothing seems to make sense anymore. It can be debilitating, often leaving you with feelings of fear, confusion, anxiety, insecurity and depression. You may also experience guilt or anger—all these emotions are exhausting. Family & Relationship breakdown is traumatic.

Being able to talk to someone who understands how you feel, and who can advise you and provide you with guidance as to your legal position and the legal processes that may follow is invaluable. At Merryweather Williams, we understand the importance of such matters to you. We appreciate the emotional and financial difficulties such problems cause and we always assess the issue(s) from your perspective.

## Resolution and rebuilding

At Merryweather Williams, we recognise the need to adapt to a changing landscape. We will provide a sympathetic ear balanced with clear advice. The emotions involved in a Family & Relationship breakdown may cloud your judgement and can allow for poor decisions to be made. Sometimes we may challenge you about a decision - this is because we have your best interests at heart. Our aim is to seek to enable you to resolve issues and rebuild your life.

Divorces are much quicker, cheaper and less destructive if both parties behave in a sensible, co-operative manner. However, it is not easy, and sometimes simply not possible, to agree before you begin how you will both approach the process. Our specialist lawyers are Resolution accredited. This means they are professionals who adhere to a Code of Practice that promotes a non-confrontational approach to family problems as well as to the constructive resolution of family disputes with solutions that consider the needs of the whole family, and in particular the best interests of children.

At Merryweather Williams we are trusted lawyers who will help you through this process, who will help to minimise conflict and ultimately reduce the impact of separation and divorce upon you and upon your children.

### For you

- ◆ Cohabitation Agreements
- ◆ Change of Name
- ◆ Trusts of Land Disputes
- ◆ Civil Partnership Breakdown
- ◆ Same Sex Divorce
- ◆ Judicial Separation
- ◆ Mediation Advice
- ◆ Domestic Abuse
- ◆ Separation Agreements
- ◆ Divorce
- ◆ Pensions and Divorce

### For your children

- ◆ Leave to Remove
- ◆ Parental Responsibility
- ◆ Financial Provision for Children
- ◆ Adoption
- ◆ Change of Name
- ◆ Child Arrangements Orders (formerly Residence and Contact)
- ◆ Child Maintenance
- ◆ Leave to Remove a child from the UK

Contact us today and let us help you to solve your family and relationship concerns

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