

Safeguarding your future

If you are planning to marry or register a civil partnership, we can help you protect your future by preparing a Pre-Nuptial or Pre-Registration Agreement. Whilst these are not yet treated as fully binding in the event of divorce or dissolution, increasingly courts are requiring those who have entered into such Agreements to adhere to their terms.

If you are contemplating or already living with your partner but do not intend to marry or register your relationship, we can help you to protect your future by preparing a Cohabitation Agreement. These Agreements will normally be treated as binding. Because the law which applies to unmarried/unregistered relationships is complex and fraught with uncertainties, we highly recommend that all couples living together should protect their position by having a formal written Agreement.

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How much does it cost?

We offer an initial consultation lasting up to one hour at a fixed fee of £100 + VAT with Anna Baptist or £50 + VAT with Amy Smith or Rosalyn Workman. If you then wish us to act for you, we will discuss with you your detailed requirements and provide you with a written estimate of our fees. More often than not we are instructed to deal with all aspects of any matter, but we are equally happy to provide advice in the background as and when required, or just to deal with certain aspects, leaving you to deal with the remainder.

For further information or to fix a consultation, please contact Nina Roby on 01992 305206 or by e-mail: nina@longmores-solicitors.co.uk

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Family Law



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Anna Baptist heads up our Family Law team, as well as being the firm's Senior Partner. A business graduate, she qualified as a solicitor in 1979. Anna has considerable experience of dealing with all aspects of private Family Law, including the preparation of Cohabitation and Pre-Nuptial Agreements. She specialises in dealing with complex cases.

Amy Smith joined Longmores in 2007, as a trainee solicitor, becoming a fully qualified solicitor in January 2009. Having gained some Family Law experience as a paralegal before joining Longmores, she became part of the Family Law team upon qualifying and deals with all areas of private Family Law.

Rosalyn Workman, a Psychology graduate, joined Longmores' Family Law team in March 2007. She qualified as a Fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives in October 2010 and is now in the process of qualifying as a solicitor. Rosalyn has developed particular expertise in dealing

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with the financial aspects of separation and divorce.

Nina Roby joined Longmores in February 2002. Since then, she has worked directly for Anna Baptist, moving from Secretary to Assistant. She has developed considerable practical knowledge of Family Law procedures and is part way through qualifying as a Fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives.

How can we help you?

Separation, Divorce & Dissolution

We will always consider with you whether there is any prospect of the relationship being saved, and, if appropriate, recommend other professionals who may be able to assist you. If there is no prospect of the relationship continuing, we will explore ways of resolving all aspects by agreement so as to minimise expense and confrontation, whether or not court proceedings are necessary.

Relationship breakdown

If you are living with someone and your relationship has broken down, the law which applies is different from the law which

applies to married or registered couples. However, our approach is the same; we will encourage and facilitate agreement but, if court proceedings become necessary, we will seek to achieve a resolution as swiftly and cost-effectively as possible.

Children

Separation of those with children can give rise to strong emotions. By encouraging a conciliatory approach, we will help parents put aside their own differences and agree arrangements which work best for the children. We always hope to resolve matters without the need to involve the courts, but if this is not possible, there are a variety of orders which can be obtained through the courts dealing with residence contact and other major issues relating to the upbringing of the children, such as education and religion.

Property and financial matters

Our aim is to help you agree a fair division of the family assets. Experience shows that agreed solutions are more likely to work in the long term than arrangements imposed by a court. However, if court proceedings are necessary we will conduct them in a constructive and non-confrontational way, whilst continuing to explore the possibility of an agreement.

