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**Here when you
need us**

Sometimes relationships don't work out. It can be painful and stressful when this happens. Our friendly, highly experienced family law team is here to get the right outcome for you, with the minimum worry and uncertainty.

You don't need to wait until your relationship has reached crisis point before getting in touch. It's often helpful to talk to us even if you're only exploring your options. It can give you the information you need to make difficult decisions, and it often leads to a better outcome and a less painful process. It can also be critical from a tax perspective.

We help clients throughout the South West, across the UK and internationally, to resolve a wide range of relationship issues as smoothly and painlessly as possible. Combining industry-leading legal expertise with a sensitive and understanding approach, we can help with pre- or post-nuptial agreements, divorce, and financial settlements on separation.

We advise on child maintenance and wider financial provision for children of separated unmarried parents, as well as disputes about childcare arrangements or when there is a risk of domestic violence.



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Achieving the best outcome for you

Relationship breakdowns can be a time of worry and stress for all involved. That's why we always take time to understand your individual circumstances, so we can guide you to the best option for you and your family.

We feel it's important for children not to be brought into financial disputes between their parents, so we split our family law practice into two dedicated teams: one focused on the financial issues facing families and the other specialising in the law relating to children.

Our family finance team has vast experience in cases involving complex personal and business assets, and a strong record of success advising high net worth individuals.

Similarly, our dedicated specialists in children's law deal with issues involving children of separated parents, including childcare arrangements, relocating with children, adoption, care proceedings, and child abduction cases.

We tailor our approach to the specific circumstances of each case. Where possible, we try to reach cost-effective, amicable solutions out of court through modern processes, like private negotiation hearings and arbitration.

Specialist advice to suit your situation

Where appropriate, we work closely with the firm's corporate, private wealth and immigration teams to protect and preserve assets for wealthy individuals and family business owners to pass on to the next generation. We can also bring in external specialists for expert support on issues like counselling and divorce coaching, or high-level accountancy, pensions and independent financial advice. This ensures we can achieve better, more cost-effective all-round solutions.

Our experience and expertise – the best in the South West

When it comes to handling your legal affairs, you need to be confident your best interests are in safe hands.

We're one of the largest law firms in the South West, with over 50 partners and over 300 employees across Exeter, St Austell and Truro. Our family law team is recognised as one of the best in the region. It is top ranked by the legal profession's two main independent guides, Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners. In addition, the head of our family law team, Andrew Barton, features in Citywealth magazine's guide to some of the best private wealth advisors in the world.



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“The firm has a great deal of depth. The advice given is always practical, commercially astute and realistic. Work is completed on a timely basis, and the network of relationships with other professionals in the region means that the best advice is available to their clients.”

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