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MOORE BLATCH
solicitors

Specialist Family Lawyers

Divorce and separation is a stressful and emotionally draining experience. Once a relationship has broken down, you'll need the understanding and advice of a specialist divorce lawyer.

Moore Blatch is a leading south coast law firm serving corporate and private clients. Our specialist Family Team is dedicated to the needs of those facing the breakdown of their marriage or other relationship.

We have a strong reputation in divorce work and are listed in Chambers and the Legal 500 (directories of leading firms in the legal profession) as 'specialists in Family Law'. Debra Emery, a partner with the firm, is a member of Resolution and an accredited collaborative solicitor.

Much of our work focuses on the financial aspects of divorce. However complex and difficult your situation, we will protect your interests and those of your children.

We understand the sensitive and personal nature of these matters.

You are welcome to come in for an initial consultation to help you think things through. The first 30 minutes are free of charge.

Please call Debra Emery on +44 (0)23 8071 8057 if you think this might be helpful.

Specialist Divorce Lawyers

Business owners and professionals

The majority of our clients come to us through recommendation from friends and relatives. Representing an equal number of husbands and wives, our typical clients include business owners, company directors, landowners, entrepreneurs, accountants, barristers and other professionals, both male and female.

Business assets and pensions

We regularly act for high net worth individuals with substantial business assets, trusts, pension funds or private income. In these circumstances, marriage breakdown can be particularly complex especially when the spouse is a shareholder or is working within the business.

Resolution by negotiation

It is important to take account of any implications that may arise regarding taxation and inheritance. For example, if you are divorcing, you may well want to change your will, elements of which may be

invalidated by the divorce. If you remarry after a divorce, your original will is automatically null and void. Our wills and tax lawyers can advise on your circumstances and draw up an appropriate will on your behalf.

We are committed to non-confrontational negotiation, but are equally able to take a firm stance to protect your interests if required.

Collaborative law

Collaborative law is relatively new. It provides a more civilised and amicable way of agreeing a settlement. Both parties and their legal advisers work cooperatively together to find a solution that suits both sides, rather than taking the traditional 'adversarial' approach.

Cohabitation **How to protect your rights**

'Living together' agreements

Cohabitees have little legal protection under current law and do not have many of the rights of a married couple. If the relationship breaks down, serious complications can arise. We would advise cohabitees to consider making a 'living together' agreement at the start of their relationship.

children. We can help ensure that your investment is protected and remains of benefit to those you intended. For example, when parents have invested in a child's property and the child divorces, it may be necessary for them to intervene in the divorce proceedings.

Pre-nuptial

Consider a pre-nuptial agreement

It is increasingly common for high net worth individuals and couples to seek some form of pre-nuptial agreement, to minimise future problems should the relationship come to an end. We have a wealth of experience in this area and can advise on your particular circumstances.

Wills Contesting and defending

Challenging the terms of a will is always a difficult issue. We have considerable expertise in contested probate, both in defending claims against estates and in pursuing claims on behalf of beneficiaries.

Grandparents **Helping you protect your investment**

Investments, savings, property and gifts

Disputes can arise where grandparents and parents have put money into trust, savings, school fees planning or property, for their grandchildren or perhaps their own

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Where we can help

- Divorce proceedings and judicial separation
- Cohabitation agreements and property disputes on separation
- Pre-nuptial agreements
- Advice on property, business and pension assets
- Directorships & shares
- Maintenance & variations
- Child disputes
- Civil partners
- Challenging wills and Inheritance Act claims
- Advice for grandparents and parents of divorcing children
- Collaborative law
- Cross jurisdictional matters

Recent cases

We acted for a foreign businessman with worldwide assets of £20 million, in a matter where UK jurisdiction was contested. This involved liaison with French lawyers and Queen's Counsel.

We acted for the wife of a wealthy businessman with considerable assets both in the UK and abroad involving assets of £7 million.

We acted for the longstanding cohabitee of a gentleman who died leaving her only a modest lump sum and income but no home. We contested the will and secured a sufficient lump sum to meet her reasonable housing and income needs.

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Moore Blatch holds ISO9001 Certification for its legal services

The firm is not authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 but is able in certain circumstances to offer a limited range of investment services to clients because we are members of the Law Society. We can provide these investment services if they are an incidental part of the professional services we have been engaged to provide.

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