

Why choose collaborative law?

If you are intending to separate or divorce you can now take advantage of a service that will help you settle out of court.

It's called **Collaborative Law** and it is a different way of sorting out the legal and practical issues following a relationship breakdown.

Traditionally, when couples split, they each take independent legal advice from specialist family lawyers and try to reach an agreement of how best to settle their differences. Where couples can't reach an agreement, it is left to the family courts to decide, which can lead to heartache, delay and uncertainty. Collaborative Law can offer a better alternative.

How does it work?

You and your former partner sit down together in the same meeting room, each with your own specially trained collaborative law solicitor, and together work it out, face-to-face. Rather than dealing through your solicitors, you work with them to reach the best outcome for you and your family.

What are the benefits?

- It will keep your separation or divorce out of court.
- It's quicker because it's not driven by a time frame imposed by the court and can be built around your family's individual timetable and priorities.
- It is cheaper than battling through the courts.
- It is more amicable, especially important if you have children and you need an on-going relationship with your former partner afterwards.
- You each have your own specially trained lawyer by your side and you meet together in four-way meetings.
- Instead of conducting negotiations remotely by letter or phone, you can talk things over and work out the details face-to-face.

A better solution

During the collaborative law process, each of you, represented by specially trained lawyers, agree in writing to reach a negotiated settlement. We work together in a series of face-to-face meetings without involving the court, save for the purposes of rubber stamping the agreement.

About us

We are all members of Resolution. This is an organisation of 6,500 family lawyers and other professionals in England and Wales.

Resolution believes in a constructive, non-confrontational approach to family law matters and also campaigns for improvements to the family justice system.

All of our North Hampshire Collaborative Lawyers have been trained in collaborative law by Resolution and abide by their code of practice.

Get in touch now

If you would like to discuss your situation with one of our members, please see the back of this leaflet for contact details.

All the members of our group have several years of experience advising on divorce, separation, financial arrangements, children and other issues connected with relationship breakdown.



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