



Battens Family Team



Battens Family Team enables clients from all walks of life to receive friendly, practical legal advice on all aspects of Family Law.

We provide free half hour initial interviews.

We have a franchise with the Legal Services Commission and, subject to our clients' financial circumstances, can offer Publicly Funded (Legal Aid) advice and representation.

DIVORCE

Battens' specialist Family Team is able to act swiftly, efficiently and cost effectively in all aspects of divorce and relationship breakdown. When dealing with family problems, people face a variety of special issues. Our specialist areas include: children, financial and property matters and pensions fully supported as necessary by our conveyancing, wills and tax planning experts.

- Division, transfer and/or sale of matrimonial property
- Children matters including contact and residence
- Division and/or transfer of pensions

COHABITATION

Battens' Family Team is skilled in advising both heterosexual and same sex couples on all aspects of financial and property issues that may arise both before cohabitation and in the event of a breakdown in their relationship. The wide experience of our team ensures that the requirements of all clients can be met swiftly and efficiently with the appropriate level of expertise in recent changes in the law. Our team takes a practical approach to problem solving and we provide clear and straightforward solutions.



- Cohabitation agreements
- Division, transfer and/or sale of property
- Rights of occupation in property
- Financial interests in property
- Civil Partnership disputes

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

The Family Team advises those who are at risk of suffering or subjected to domestic violence as well as those accused of committing it. The team offers an emergency contact number for those in need of urgent advice and has considerable experience in advising clients and liaising with the Police and Women’s Refuge in such matters. Because of our Public Funding Franchise we can offer immediate Public Funding to those who qualify, to cover emergency applications to court to protect clients and their families as required.

- Non Molestation and Occupation orders
- Immediate Public Funding cover subject to clients’ financial circumstances

Emergency telephone no.: 0779 562 4159

PRIVATE LAW CHILDREN MATTERS

Many parents require advice in dealing with legal matters concerning their children, for example contact with absent parents, the options available for financial support and with whom the children live on a day to day basis following the breakdown of a relationship to name but a few. The Family Team has a wealth of experience and expertise in dealing with all types of dispute concerning children. The Team offers practical and creative solutions to clients contending with such matters to fit with each family’s circumstances.



- Residence (“Custody”)
- Financial support
- Change of name
- Contact (“Access”)
- Parental Responsibility

PUBLIC LAW CHILDREN MATTERS

All aspects of cases concerning children who may be involved with Social Services and/or under the care or supervision of a Local Authority are dealt with by our small team of specialist solicitors, led by Martin Davis, who has particular expertise in these matters. These cases are sensitive, and require and receive special attention as appropriate.

- Child Protection
- Care and Supervision Orders
- Adoption



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