

DIVORCE

If reconciliation is not possible, mediation has not resolved problems and a legal separation is inappropriate then divorce may be the solution where a marriage or civil partnership has broken down completely.

Our approach will always be to provide sympathetic and instructive advice and to find an early solution, especially for family problems involving children. Wherever possible we adopt a conciliatory approach but if you are faced with an intransigent or unreasonable partner, we will act robustly to promote or defend your interests.

If you decide that your marriage or civil partnership is over, we will help you deal with the administrative procedures and try to make the process as painless as possible. We will deal with problems that arise on your behalf and ensure that proceedings are completed as quickly as possible.

Where children are involved, in either separation or divorce, it is essential to ensure that they suffer as little as possible. You will want to know that your children are properly cared for and supported in the future. We can advise you how best to achieve this. If there should be problems or disagreements, we will try to ensure that an amicable arrangement is reached. If it is not possible to reach an agreement, we will explain how to obtain the assistance of the courts.

Once a divorce has been agreed and the children's interests cared for, the financial agreements need careful assessment especially as there may be pensions, shares and houses to be valued, endowment policies to be considered and property transferred. If you have property or assets you will be anxious to ensure that any arrangement that is reached is fair and reasonable and properly protects your interests. At Parker Arrenberg we offer expert help to achieve that outcome, Where



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there are family or other business or company interests involved there are particular problems arising which may need to be addressed as thoroughly as the more obvious family matters. These include the question of whether a business or company should be valued for any negotiations or proceedings and if so by whom and on what basis. Consideration must be given to the likely effect of proceedings on that business. As well as

matrimonial expertise we are also able to enlist the assistance from our colleagues in the Business and Property department.

We will explain the principles and calculations upon which maintenance payments are based, both for you and your spouse and for any children.

Many people experience difficulties in dealing with the Child Support Agency. It may be possible to agree maintenance provisions for your children so as to limit the involvement of the CSA. If you do become involved with the CSA we can guide you and help to resolve communication problems, as well as advising many steps that are open to you if you are not happy with the CSA's assessment.