



**Prosperity
Law LLP**

➤ Private client

Family Law & Relationships

Understanding and compassion during
challenging circumstances





Empathy, understanding and compassion at a time that matters the most

Our approach helps ease the stresses at what can be the most challenging time of your life. We appreciate how upsetting family breakdowns and those of partners, married and unmarried, can be.



Our Family Law team are swift to litigate if advantageous but appreciates, and advocates, working collaboratively and exploring avenues such as mediation and round-the-table discussions which are often the preferred avenues.

Where family law matters are often the first time people have met the legal process, it can greatly ease the stress to have someone on your side to navigate the path ahead and the decisions required. It is not often known, for example, of the need for a consent order, to sever financial ties and safeguard you in the long term.

Whatever type of family dispute or breakdown you face, our highly experienced family law experts are here to help with a proactive, positive approach to take you forward. We have a high degree of success in this area and can rapidly help you to secure the best outcome possible.

Emotionally and financially, divorce can take its toll, causing a great deal of stress for those involved

As Family Law solicitors, we understand the complexities and sensitivities involved at the end of your relationship.

We are here to guide you through this challenging time with empathy and expertise. Our goal is to help you make informed decisions that consider not only the emotional aspects but also the practical implications for you and your family.

We're dedicated to finding the best options for your unique situation, ensuring a fair and reasonable resolution in matters related to the division of your assets and property. We recognise the importance of securing your financial stability while also prioritising the well-being of any children involved. With our support, you can navigate the intricacies of divorce while aiming for a balanced and satisfactory outcome that sets the foundation for a positive future.

In most cases of a relationship and partnership breakdown, you require a solicitor. Where a collaborative approach can be taken, without the need to go to court, we'll help and support you.



In the UK, nearly

50%

of marriages end in divorce

(According to the Office for National Statistics)

With reassurance, guidance and safeguarding of your best interests, our team of experts will guide you through the process so you can feel reassured about what comes next and your long-term future, and that of any children involved.

No Fault Divorce

Now with the introduction of the 'no-fault divorce,' there is the opportunity to reduce much of the traditional conflict of divorce proceedings, allowing a focus on the crucial well-being of children, and settlement of finances.

From divorce and all financial-related matters to separation agreements, private Children Act matters, and high-net-worth cases, we act confidentially, proactively and sensitively to bring your case to a successful resolution.



Cohabitation Agreements

Protection and clarity regarding your responsibilities and **legal rights while living together**

While cohabitation agreements may be instinctively avoided by unmarried couples, and those not in a civil partnership, embarking on a life together because they can seem calculating or unromantic, they are increasingly used by forward-thinking couples to protect family and personal wealth or plan their estate, should their relationship break down in the future.

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**UK couples are cohabiting
(not in a marriage or civil partnership)**

(According to the Office for National Statistics)

While not legally binding, in the event of a partnership breakdown they are considered by the court and can make resolution easier, cheaper and less stressful, should the unfortunate circumstance occur.

Protecting your interests and safeguarding your finances

Protecting your interests and safeguarding your finances and assets before or during the marriage promotes a healthy and transparent relationship

Pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements are contracts couples can make either before, or after, marriage, or entering a civil partnership, to protect any assets they might have acquired before the marriage. A pre or post-nuptial agreement decides how those assets will be divided if the couple divorce or separates, these can be particularly helpful in second marriages.

Both these types of agreements about the division of assets in the event of a relationship breakdown are not legally binding, but courts are increasingly taking them into account, particularly where the terms are seen as fair or reasonable.

Perhaps you have concerns relating to protecting your assets once you are married or in a civil partnership, or about how your assets could potentially be divided. We recommend a full and frank discussion with your partner, and a consultation with our family law experts to help put your mind at ease, explain any implications, and put any agreement you require rapidly into place.





Putting the needs of your children first

We firmly believe that children matter most, and we prioritise their well-being in every aspect of our work.

When parties separate, we understand the critical importance of arranging the best possible solutions for the children involved. This includes establishing clear arrangements regarding where the children shall live, how often they should spend time with the other parent, holidays, and special occasions such as Christmas. We aim to ensure children maintain healthy relationships with both parents where possible.

In cases where specific issues arise, such as potential relocations, we handle them through what is known as a “Specific Issue Order,” carefully considering the impact on the children before making any decisions.

Additionally, we can assist in preventing either parent from taking actions that might negatively affect the children’s stability such as removal of a child, change of a child’s name etc. Where necessary, we can assist on obtaining a Prohibited Steps Order from the Court which outlines what you are preventing the other parent from doing. Our goal is to ensure that children’s interests are at the forefront, creating a supportive and secure environment as they navigate the challenges of their parent’s separation.



Judith O'Brien

Partner, Family Law

Judith qualified as a Solicitor in 1997, having worked in a law firm for 6 years prior to that. She became a Partner at Prosperity Law in July 2024. Prior to that, she worked in Lancashire for two separate law firms as a senior Associate, including Forbes Solicitors.

She is a member of Resolution, which is an organization committed to the non-confrontational approach to resolving family issues, whether financial or child-related.

Judith has the Advanced Family Law Panel qualification with the Law Society which recognizes expertise in children law and financial law, related to the breakdown of a relationship. She has experience with preparing pre and post-nuptial agreements, and also separation agreements. She deals with children law issues, whether resolving contact, or where the child is to live or attend school, and financial issues, determining the division of assets on separation. Judith has worked in family law for over 30 years and has vast experience. She has attended the Court of Appeal on children's issues and has represented many clients with high-net-worth assets.

She seeks to resolve client issues, as collaboratively and sensitively as possible, aiming to keep clients' costs to a minimum.

In her spare time, Judith enjoys walks with her cockapoo dog and attending her local gym. She is an avid reader, particularly crime novels and loves attending music events, and musicals.

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