



Richard Nelson LLP provides a range of family law related services.

As a firm, we are committed to Collaborative Family Law where specially trained lawyers try to agree your case without it needing to go to court. Whilst agreements still need to be approved by the court as Consent Orders, it avoids the arguments and dissension that can so often accompany a family breakdown.

The services which we can provide include:

Divorce for both petitioner and respondent

Civil partnership dissolution

Pre-marriage and post-marriage agreements

Living together agreements

Arrangements for children

Arrangement of finances,

Alternative dispute resolution

Inheritance arrangements after separation.

For more information on these, or any other of our services, please feel free to contact us.

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Family law



support and understanding
when it is most needed

Divorce & Civil Partnership Dissolution

At **Richard Nelson LLP** we know that the breakdown of, or problems with, any relationship can be one of the most difficult and traumatic times in your life. Emotions can run high, and anxiety over the future, children, loved ones and property can lead quickly to increased levels of conflict.

It is essential to have expert guidance and support from an experienced family lawyer - one who will help to achieve a stress-free resolution to your problems with sensitivity and understanding.

We provide a comprehensive service for our clients on all aspects of separation - whether in relation to the individual, their children, their property or their business interests. Our aim is to provide a flexible and sympathetic service to suit all needs, whilst offering practical and professional advice.

We offer a range of traditional, fixed fee and online quality services - whether you are a petitioner or a respondent.

- ❖ **Fixed Fee Services** - provides face to face support to guide you through the legal process of your separation from beginning to end, in a way that gives you peace of mind when planning the cost of separation
- ❖ **Online Services** - If you are both agreed as to a divorce, you can complete the paperwork at home and simply get the additional support you need. Our online divorce/civil partnership dissolution packs guide you, step-by-step, through the process of completing the necessary forms. Once a form has been completed, one of our qualified lawyers will check through it to ensure that it has been correctly completed.

Financial Arrangements

Resolving financial arrangements on separation can be complex with consideration given to maintenance, property, business assets and pensions.

Richard Nelson LLP can offer you the advice and guidance you need to ensure the best possible solution for you and your family.

If a mutually agreed financial settlement is achieved we can organise the drafting and filing of all the paperwork with the court to ensure that your agreement is approved by a Judge. This is called a Consent Order and has the effect that no further financial claims may be brought between the parties.

However, despite best intentions, sometimes it is not possible to reach an agreement between you. We can advise on alternative forms of dispute resolution or provide advice and representation through the court process, should this be the only way to arrive at a solution.

Children

In any separation, the first concern of both parents is for the children.

We will do all that is possible to help you make arrangements for your children and advise on alternative forms of dispute resolution, such as mediation or the Collaborative Law process to assist you.

If no alternative solution can be found we will advise on, and provide representation through, the court process.

Pre-Marriage Agreements

Although these written agreements are not currently binding under English Law, usually they will be taken into account by a court when deciding an appropriate financial outcome on divorce.

These agreements will only have value if each party has made full disclosure of all their financial information and where both parties have taken legal advice on the effects of the agreement. The agreement must be entered into voluntarily and signed at least 21 days prior to any wedding.

A pre-marriage agreement will be of great assistance to a couple who have accumulated capital through business, inheritance or a previous matrimonial settlement and who wish to keep that capital in their respective sole names, as far as possible, should they separate.

Living Together Agreements

Contrary to popular belief there is no such thing in law as a common law husband or wife. If people living together separate, then strict property laws are applied to any property owned by either or jointly. This is regardless of whether or not any children are involved. The Court cannot adjust these rights as it could in the case of a married couple or couples in a civil partnership.

Couples who decide to live together should consider entering into a living together agreement to agree what is intended, financially, whilst living together and if they should separate.