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## **FAMILY LAW - SEPARATION & DIVORCE**

Expert legal advice, support and guidance helping you  
take the first step into your new life



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# Why separation & divorce should be civilised

If you are experiencing the anxiety and loss of a relationship ending and suffering sleepless nights worrying about the future, you are not alone.

We are here to help.

There is no denying that the end of a relationship can be one of the most traumatic times in your life, and the truth is there is no easy way out. However, the actions you take now and the choices you make will have a big impact on your new life. With the right legal assistance you can achieve the best outcome for all involved - you, your family and loved ones.

Let us help you take the first step into your future.

Our dedicated team are handpicked for their experience working with people who are going through a relationship breakdown. They are committed to solving your problems in a conciliatory way if possible - saving you the emotional drain of the legal court battle and the legal fees that go with it. They understand the emotional pressure and stress you are going through and will work with you to achieve the best outcome possible for you to move on with your life.

**Divorce doesn't have to be as complicated, traumatic and confrontational as you may fear. Let us help you and take you from a daunting, uncertain present to a well-informed, well-prepared future.**

**We offer a FREE initial consultation giving you the opportunity to speak with one of our legal experts and find out where you stand.**

**To arrange your FREE consultation call us today on 0800 999 4437 or email [enquiries@parfittcresswell.com](mailto:enquiries@parfittcresswell.com)**



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## Do I need legal assistance?

Divorce is slowly becoming simpler and more straightforward than it used to be, but there are still important procedures to follow and documents to file. It can be a minefield for the inexperienced and unwary – particularly when emotions are running high. A good family law expert will give you invaluable advice and support and will prevent you from making any errors that will slow things down or harm your own interests.

Our legal team are also experienced in dealing with the dissolution of civil partnerships which follows a similar procedure to divorce.

## When can I get a divorce?

A marriage is a legally binding relationship, so if a couple no longer wants to be part of that relationship, they will need to consider getting divorced to break the legal ties to their spouse. To get a divorce, you need to have been married for more than twelve months and must confirm that the marriage has broken down irretrievably. With the implementation of The Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act 2020

which came into force on **6th April 2022** it is no longer necessary to show fault or cite any of the 5 facts previously required to demonstrate irretrievable breakdown. A statement of irretrievable breakdown is all that is required. The change in law removes the potential to contest a divorce (save in certain specific circumstances), permits a joint application and simplifies the language used. The changes are designed to reduce conflict between separating couples, allowing parties to focus on the key issues such as children, finance and property.

## How long will it take?

A divorce can take as little as six and a half months from start to finish, although it may take much longer. This is dependent on the complexities of the situation and finances involved. Finances are a vital part of any divorce or separation, and it is essential that you deal with your finances when separating.

## What about the children?

Separation and divorce has the potential to cause considerable distress for any children involved.

Wherever possible we help negotiate arrangements that prioritise the needs of the children, whilst as far as possible, providing both parents with the means to adjust to their new situation, without undue stress. If an agreement cannot be reached, we can assist in preparing an application to determine the child arrangements, to include where your child or children will live.

## Do I need to settle finances now?

When you marry the law provides you and your spouse with the right to make certain financial claims against one another in the event of a divorce such as claiming a share of property, capital assets, pension funds and income. These claims continue unless you obtain an order, either by agreement (known as a “consent order”) or imposed by the court. This is why it is essential that you finalise your financial arrangements by way of a court approved order upon divorce - to safeguard you from potential future financial upheaval.

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