

Children Arrangements

When parents divorce or separate it is sadly often the children who suffer the most. Whatever your feelings, it is really important to put your children's needs first and avoid them being caught up in conflicts and arguments.

Our solicitors Heather Weavill and Steven Barratt are accredited Resolution specialists. We work with parents, children, families and the courts to help resolve childcare arrangements quickly. The welfare of children is foremost.

The court can make the following orders in relation to your child.

- An Order saying where a child should live. The court can make such an order in favour of more than one person, stipulating how long the child should spend with each
- An Order saying how much time is spent with a parent (regulates telephone calls, visits, overnight stays, weekends or holidays with the absent parent.
- A Prohibited Steps Order is called into play when one parent objects to something that the other parent is doing concerning their child. That parent can apply to the court for the other person to stop doing it.
- The court can consider a Specific Issue Order if parents are unable to agree on a specific aspect of their child's upbringing such as where your child should go to school.

Who We Are

About Us

Heather Weavill and Steven Barratt at Alison Fielden & Co in Cirencester (01285 653261) are both resolution accredited Family Law Specialist Solicitors. They both have many years experience of representing parties in family breakdowns.

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**Family Breakdown
We can help!**

Going through [Divorce](#) or [Separation](#) can be a very traumatic time not only for the couple in the relationship but for other family members as well. That is why you need the support of family law specialist solicitors.



On top of the emotional turmoil that accompanies a divorce or separation, there are so many things to think about: the children, financial matters, where to live, legalities etc. But, if both parties feel that the marriage or relationship is truly over, the mechanics of legally ending the relationship are quite straightforward.

Whether you are getting divorced, ending a civil partnership or separating from your partner our experienced divorce solicitors can help. Our divorce lawyers will guide you through the process of divorce and separation in the UK and help you achieve the right outcome for both you and your family.

Finances and Property

Dealing with your finances, known as Financial Relief is one of the biggest issues facing separating couples. Working out how you deal with your finances and what happens to your family home is added pressure on an already stressful situation.

Disputes over finances and property can be bitter and protracted. For unmarried separating couples the situation is much harder as unmarried couples have no legal standing in the eyes of the law regardless of the length of their relationship or the fact they may have children together. We recommend seeking advice from a specialist family solicitor.

The division of financial assets during divorce or separation can cause friction and it is essential that you obtain legal advice on financial matters as soon as possible. We can assist you through the legal process and help you to ensure that you receive the best possible financial outcome at the end of your relationship.

Decisions taken about the division of your finances now will affect you and your children in the future. It is important that those decisions are made with the benefit of specialist legal advice, to ensure those decisions are the right ones and will give you and your children financial security.

Does domestic violence affect you?

Domestic violence is not limited to physical violence, but may also consist of verbal aggression, emotional abuse and isolation. Domestic violence knows no boundaries and is not limited by gender, age or social status. Many suffer violence at the hands of a partner or ex-partner, others at the hands of a parent or carer.

What can Alison Fielden & Co. do to help?

We can assist you to gain the necessary protection through the Courts. The Court may grant an Injunction forcing the abuser to leave the family home and forbidding them to return. They may also forbid the abuser from using or threatening violence or otherwise harassing or pestering you.

