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- Commitment, approachability and total honesty
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- Jargon-free legal advice which meets your expectations and requirements
- Friendly professional service

Our offices are located in Eastbourne, Hailsham, Seaford, Newhaven and Peacehaven.

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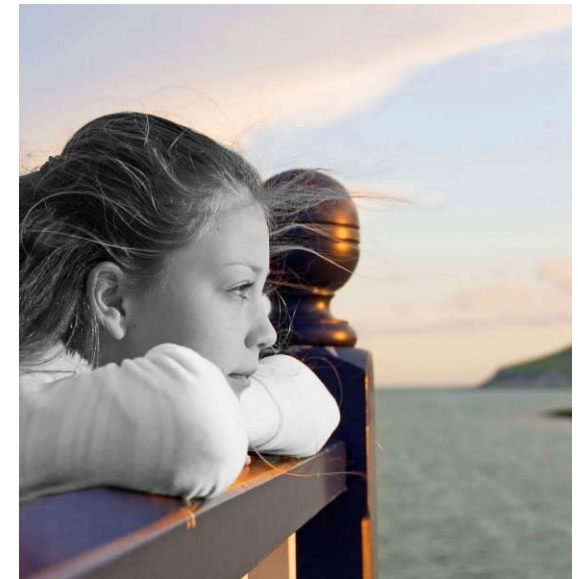


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An Introduction to Barwells Family & Matrimonial Department

Our experienced and motivated team is headed by Senior Partner David George. He is an Advanced Member of the Law Society's Family Law Panel and a Solicitor Advocate having rights of audience in the higher civil courts. David is assisted by Sharon Parnell and Brigitte Shakespeare.

We are committed to providing swift and practical advice in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Our staff are sensitive to your needs and our aim is to provide support and to help resolve the difficulties you are experiencing as quickly and as effectively as possible.

You may be unsure what courses of action are open to you. Care is taken to explain the options and the implications at each stage, from the very first meeting to the conclusion of the case.

Our Services

The department advises on all issues surrounding the breakdown of a marriage, civil partnership or relationships between unmarried parties. This includes issues concerning children and financial issues arising out of the breakdown of the relationship.

Our Approach

In all cases our approach to divorce and separation is, save in exceptional cases, to aim to reach a negotiated settlement without recourse to litigation save where litigation is a necessary expedient. We shall refer you to mediation and counselling services where appropriate to your case.

Court Representation

The Family Court system is geared to achieving settlement without a final contested hearing wherever possible. Issuing proceedings does not mean that there will necessarily be a contest. Where cases progress to a court hearing then we are committed to handling the matter sensitively and will remain alert to the possibilities of achieving a fair out of court settlement. We shall ensure that you are soundly and realistically advised throughout the proceedings.

Most cases are settled by agreement but in those cases where a contested hearing proves necessary we can offer an in-house advocacy service which will provide seamless representation by a professional who is closely acquainted with your case.

In particular complex cases or where you prefer to have an outside advocate we shall refer you to a specialist member of the Bar. Our trial advocacy experience will enable us to choose the right barrister for your case and to ensure that he or she is fully and sufficiently briefed to represent you. Where appropriate we may advise consultation with a specialist barrister at an early stage of the case.

What will it cost?

Barwells offers a private service and particulars of our fees are available on request. We offer fixed fees for non contested divorce as shown on our website. We will also agree fixed fees for every stage of the case. We shall always give you a reasonable estimate at the outset of the case and shall ensure that estimates are regularly updated. We shall not allow fees to take you by surprise. Our policy is to conduct cases in a way which will reduce costs, not increase them.

Legal costs are rarely awarded in Family Law cases but if costs are likely to be relevant we shall advise you.



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