



FAMILY LAW
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Start at the Beginning with our First Things First Package

Here's how it works

- Our discounted appointment fee of \$220 is payable on the day
- You'll have a one-hour appointment with one of our expert family lawyers
- You'll receive our Family Law Road Map which gives you some essential general advice including important next steps and
- Our detailed staged fee proposal that gives you:
 - the steps involved in getting from here to there
 - what each step costs, and
 - likely time frames.

I want to get the most out of my session. What info will you Need?

Being prepared on the outset will save you time and money. It is recommended (however not a necessity) for you to bring along with you the following (mostly for financial matters):

- A list of any questions you have
 - A copy of your marriage certificate
 - Children's and former spouse's names and dates of birth
 - A copy of the children's birth certificates
 - The details of your former spouse's solicitor (if one has been appointed)
 - Any correspondence received from your former spouse or their solicitor
 - A list of assets including the address of all properties owned by you or your former spouse and any documents relating to the purchase of those properties or recent title searches
 - Market appraisals of your home and any other real estate (if you have any)
 - A list detailing all of the valuable property, such as cars, jewellery, appliances, cameras and electronic equipment and valuations
- A list of bank accounts, stocks, shares or other investments that you and your former spouse have, stating whether they are held singly or jointly and recent valuations (if any).
 - A list of debts including mortgages, personal loans, credit cards and charge accounts.
 - A list of monthly expenses.
 - Recent pay advice slips for you and/or your former spouse.
 - Copies of income tax returns for you and your former spouse for the past three years.
 - If you own a business or have an interest in a family company and/or trust, copies of the taxation returns and financial statements for the past three years.
 - Copies of medical insurance and life insurance policies for both you and your former spouse.
 - Copies of any superannuation documents for both you and your former spouse particularly the names of the superannuation funds in which either of you may have an interest.

ALL ABOUT YOUR BEST INTERESTS

No matter the situation, our approach is anchored in the best interest of you: now and into the future; emotionally and financially; with consideration for children, and for your connection with others affected by your relationship.

- If either you or your former spouse has been divorced, a copy of the divorce papers.
- A list of your non-financial contribution to the household i.e. renovations, home decoration, child duties, garden work.
- A list of assets owned by you and owned by your former spouse at the commencement of the relationship.
- A list of any inheritances, gifts from family or friends to either you or your former spouse, windfalls such as lottery wins that you or your former spouse may have received during the relationship or following separation.
- Photo ID (passport/licence) if you're not already a client.

What we will talk about?

Of course, everyone's circumstances are different, but we typically cover:

Property

- Identifying the issues in dispute;
- Determining assets and liabilities in the relationship property pool;
- Assessing the contributions both parties have made during the relationship (financial and non-financial); and
- Analysing whether the split you or your partner seeks is just and equitable in the circumstances.

Children (if any)

- Parenting Arrangements for Children
 - Who they live with;
 - How much time they spend with each parent, grandparents or other significant people.
- Living Arrangements
 - Decision making (schooling, health, religion);
 - Shared or sole parental responsibility;
 - Residence and Location
- Consent Orders or Court Orders;
- Child Support
- Spousal Maintenance;
- Relocation or Recovery Orders;
- Change of Name;
- Contravention and enforcement of Orders;
- Varying existing Orders.

Your Will and Enduring Power of Attorney

Whether your former partner:-

- benefits from your will
- has powers under any existing Enduring Power of Attorney

I'M WORRIED I WON'T TAKE IT ALL IN – HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Sometimes just coming to see a lawyer can be difficult, confronting, and even intimidating. Rest assured we don't do legal jargon, but that said, if after we've met you'd also like a written report covering your situation – tailored to your family problem setting out a range of solutions – we can prepare one for you to. Of course, we'll tell you exactly what it will cost and once again, this is a fixed fee service, no extras. You can then decide if you'd like that report or not and we can go forward from there. Once again, it will be entirely your choice.

Notes:

How would you like to solve your family law problem?

What concerns me?

The information in this flyer is provided as general information only and shouldn't be relied upon as complete nor comprehensive legal advice.

Contacts

Services offering counselling, valuable information and/or skills in building relationships include:



Relationships Australia (Qld) – offer a range of services including counselling, mediation, family violence prevention.
<http://www.relationships.org.au/what-we-do/services>

Family Relationships Online - Provides families (whether together or separated) with access to information about family relationship issues, ranging from building better relationships to dispute resolution.

<https://www.familyrelationships.gov.au/>

ASIC's MoneySmart – Divorce and separation page - Information on things to consider when separating, including first finance-related steps to take.

<https://www.moneysmart.gov.au/life-events-and-you/>



Family Relationships Advice Line - 1800 050 321
- A national telephone service established to assist families affected by relationship or separation issues.

Crisis line – 1800RESPECT – 1800 737 732
- National sexual assault, domestic violence counselling service.



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