

## Collaborative Family Law

When a relationship breaks down, it is in the interests of each of the parties to try to resolve matters in a constructive and sensible way. The collaborative family law process enables both married and unmarried couples to reach an amicable settlement without going to court.



### How does the Collaborative Process Work?

Collaborative law is a method of dispute resolution, where a couple reach a settlement based on their own requirements and timescales rather than relying upon the court.

The financial and emotional costs of pursuing this method can be a lot less than taking court proceedings, particularly where children are involved.

There is an initial meeting with your lawyer to discuss the process and agree on the relevant information which needs to be exchanged with the other party.

A series of 'four way' meetings will then be held at which you and your partner and both lawyers will set out the objectives for reaching agreement, these might relate to how the finances will be shared and/or the arrangements that need to be made for the children.

The meetings will enable you and your partner to express particular priorities and concerns that exist. The lawyers will use their experience and skills to help with negotiations towards a settlement that is practical, sensible and legally binding for both of you.

### Starting the Process

Our team of Family lawyers can assist you with the collaborative law process. For further information please contact either Rosemary or Rachael:

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