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NEW HEAD OF FAMILY LAW FOR HERRINGTON & CARMICHAEL LLP

Camberley, 9th October 2009 – Herrington & Carmichael LLP has enhanced its reputation as one of the leading family law practices in the region by hiring Fiona Sawkins to head the team.

She is a leading exponent of ‘collaborative law’, a new way of handling divorce that is non-adversarial and transparent, and whose aim is to avoid the need to go to court.

Fiona is a member of the Collaborative Law Group, which operates in the Surrey/Hampshire border area and is made up of lawyers and financial planners committed to helping separating couples resolve their difficulties in a dignified manner for the benefit of the family as a whole. Colleagues Rachael House and Rosemary Isbell are already members of the group.

Fiona joins Herrington & Carmichael from Robert Cook & Co in Fleet, where over 10 years she built up a well-respected family law department. She qualified as a family law mediator in 2004 and is a member of Resolution, the national organisation for family lawyers.

Fiona says she is delighted to take up this new opportunity. “This is an exciting time both for me personally and for Herrington & Carmichael. The team here has an excellent reputation within the local community as effective and well-informed family lawyers, and I want to build on that. They are approachable and offer collectively many years experience covering all aspects of family law.

“We recognise what a stressful time divorce can be for people and so we make a priority of maintaining high standards of service, including clear advice and regular communication.”

Frankie Tierney, managing partner of Herrington & Carmichael, says: “We are very pleased that Fiona is joining us. She is a well-known figure in the legal world who understands what clients need during some of the most difficult periods of their lives. We now have a team of six specialist family lawyers offering a comprehensive service to the local community.”

Fiona adds that collaborative law is making a big impact on the way divorce is handled, that puts a real emphasis on the way lawyers behave too. “Collaborative law is a commitment on all sides to doing things in a different way, so much so that if the process does not work for a particular couple and the case has to go to court, they have to instruct new lawyers.”

Fiona lives in Four Marks, near Alton in Hampshire with her husband and 10-year-old son.

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