

Wills & probates

Our Solicitors have a vast amount of experience dealing with all issues relating to Wills, Probate and estate administration matters. We offer services to write a Will as part of our Family Law services. Many people don't know what happens upon death when a Will is not made. Our Wills and Probate Solicitors can help you with all aspects of making a Will and help you with estate administration issues.

What to expect

- Friendly independent professional advice
- Access to specialists in the field
- National coverage and local offices
- Home visit upon availability
- Confidential professional legal advice
- Direct access via email, text message, Facebook, Skype, Whatsapp and LinkedIn

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What our clients say about us:

"Family law can be quite complex for the average person, it was to me. Appleman legal simplified technical terms and made sure I got a fair hearing."

Mr B.G

"The service I received from Idnan was outstanding. My solicitor was very professional and understood the area of law to a high degree. I was given a range of methods to communicate with my solicitor which suited my lifestyle. I was daunted by the thought of attending court but my solicitor put me at easy. He took me through the whole process and got a great result in court."

Mr A.P

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For a professional client service and advice without legal jargon contact us to speak to a specialist.

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Family and Children Law



Our family law Solicitors have extensive experience in all aspects of family and child law including divorce; domestic abuse; forced marriage; child contact; child residence and parental abduction.

At Appleman Legal we offer our expertise to clients from all income levels. We offer a free initial consultation, either face-to-face or over the telephone. We offer an initial appointment of up to **30 minutes FREE**. Why not call us to see if we can help.

■ *Our team includes members of the Law Society Advanced Family Panel and Children's Panel who are committed to the constructive resolution of family disputes. Our Solicitors follow a Code of Practice that promotes a non-confrontational approach to family problems. Our Solicitors encourage solutions that consider the needs of the whole family - and in particular the needs of the children.*

We are one of the few law firms that have the strength and depth to handle every type of case from the most straightforward divorce to distressing situations involving children or complex financial affairs. We have close links with specialist barristers, forensic accountants, independent financial advisors, surveyors, actuaries and counselors who can, where necessary, provide additional support and assistance.

Areas of specialism

- Divorce law
- Children law
- Separating couples & financial settlements
- Cohabitation agreements and disputes
- Dissolution of civil partnerships
- Domestic abuse - harassment & stalking
- Child Abduction and Wardship

Divorce law

Appleman Legal provide representation in divorce proceedings occurring all over the country. We have the experience and ability to provide representation regardless of where a person lives, at home or abroad, if the divorce is to take place within England or Wales.

Children law

We provide advice and representation to all members of the family on a full range of issues relating to children. Disputes concerning children can present parents, family members and courts with some of the most challenging decisions of all. Our experienced team of Solicitors can help anyone who finds themselves in conflict about children. In situations where there are serious concerns about child's immediate safety and welfare, we are able to act urgently to provide them with protection through court orders.

Areas of specialism

- Where a child lives - Child Arrangement Order(formerly residence order)
- Arrangements for contact - Child Arrangement Order (formerly contact order)
- Preventing a parent from doing something, usually taking a child abroad or changing the child's name or school - prohibited steps
- Requiring someone to do something - specific issue order
- Legal rights and restricting on those rights - parental responsibility
- Children's name - change of name
- Children moving abroad or to another area of the country - international or national relocation.

Separating couples & financial settlements

Couples may want to make agreements prior to getting married to ensure that you both understand what will happen in the event that the marriage breaks down. A relationship breakdown often lead to disputes over property and finance. If your relationship or civil partnership has broken down then you may need advice on how the assets should be divided. This can be particularly complicated where there are businesses and/or pensions involved and legal advice should be obtained at the earliest opportunity.

Areas of specialism

- Preparing prenuptial agreements
- Resolving financial matters following separation, divorce or the dissolution of a civil partnership
- Preparing separation agreements
- Obtaining Orders for maintenance
- Obtaining Pension Sharing Orders
- Obtaining Clean Break Consent Orders
- Protecting your property rights

Cohabitation Agreements

A Cohabitation Agreement is normally drafted to reflect the terms of any agreement reached at the start or during a relationship. Alternatively, they can reflect agreements made between family members or friends. Whether you are about to move in together or you are already in cohabitation, our team can advise you of your options and the type of items you should include in the agreement.

The practical guidelines laid out in a Cohabitation Agreement will make it clear for both parties what will be expected of them should the relationship break down. This could save thousands of pounds in legal fees in the future. As advised in the guide to cohabitation disputes the Courts do not recognise 'a common law marriage'. It is also important to consider what you would want to happen should you separate from your partner or in the event either of you passed away.

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Cohabitation Agreements can be drafted to reflect this and to make sure your position is safeguarded in the event your relationship breaks down. However, whilst Courts are showing more willingness to consider Cohabitation Agreements there is still no guarantee that they will enforce the terms of one.

Areas of specialism

- Cohabitation Agreements
- Cohabitation disputes
- Property advice
- Financial advice

Cohabitation disputes - unmarried property

Cohabiting couples are partners who live together but are not married or part of a Civil Partnership. Cohabitation disputes can also arise between friends who live together or even family members. It is becoming increasingly common due to the housing market that many people are purchasing properties with friends, partners or family members. Courts will not take into account the length of time you have lived together or even if one of the parties has contributed to the household by raising children and being responsible for the running of the family home.

We will strive to reach a solution to your case and every attempt will be made to make the agreement without the involvement of the Courts. Should a dispute arise we would suggest you seek legal advice at the earliest opportunity to ensure that the breakdown of your relationship does not result in the loss of your home and other assets.

Areas of specialism

- Advice following separation from an unmarried partner
- Settlement Court action to enforce rights
- Dealing with Trustees in bankruptcy
- Cohabitation Agreements

Dissolution of civil partnerships

Our specialist family law Solicitors are able to help and support those who wish to dissolve their civil partnership. We provide representation in dissolution proceedings occurring all over the country. We have the experience and ability to provide that representation regardless of where a person lives, at home or abroad, if the proceedings are to take place within England or Wales.

Domestic abuse

Our dedicated team of specialist Solicitors are able to support and help victims of domestic abuse and their children to get the protection that they need from their partners, ex partners or other family members. The Family Law Act 1996 is the legislation which provides protection for victims of domestic abuse and our experienced team of Solicitors can help anyone who needs protection, which can be put in place urgently and without the other person knowing if necessary.

Areas of specialism

- Non-Molestation Order
- Occupation Order
- Civil Harassment Orders

Our expert team have helped victims of abuse secure vast amounts of non molestation orders against abusive partners.

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■ For convenience we offer a choice of ways to provide instructions and contact your Solicitor including: meeting face-to-face, telephone, mail, email and Skype