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Family mediation service



The Family Mediation Service is part of Hopkin Murray Beskine Solicitors. Our Family team acts for clients in all areas of family, divorce and children law. Our Property Team assists clients with property disputes including those related to landlord and tenant and leasehold disputes. If you wish to contact our legal teams then please do not hesitate to telephone or email reception.

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Mediation can help you if you are separating/divorcing or involved in a family dispute. The aim of mediation is to enable you to reach agreements on practical arrangements and other matters for the future – including living and visiting arrangements for the children, property and financial matters, the process of divorce itself, and international issues eg change of country of residence.

We are an experienced team of family mediators headed by family law solicitor and mediator, Sarah Beskine. Our service offers a friendly and efficient approach to helping you reach agreements following the breakdown of your relationship through discussion and negotiation in meetings. We work with couples, parents and extended family members. The process helps you remain in control and reduce future conflict. We offer speedy appointments at times that suit you. Our rates are competitive and we also assess clients for eligibility for legal aid. An initial information meeting is offered to help you decide whether mediation is appropriate in your circumstances and in some instances this can be done on the telephone.

We are able to provide necessary court papers required prior to issue of court proceedings and to obtain public funding. We can work in parallel with any solicitors you instruct to ensure agreements can be made into legally binding documents if required.

Our mediators are:

Sarah Beskine

Sarah qualified as a Family Mediator in 2000 and is a member of the UK College of Family Mediators. In addition, she has over 20 years of experience as a family solicitor. Her work includes divorce, property and finance aspects of separation, children, and international re-location of families and children. She is a Resolution accredited specialist in the areas of financial provision, international child abduction and domestic abuse. Sarah's mediation practice is enhanced by her experience as a family solicitor and she offers mediation to private and legally aided clients.

Denise Bennett

Denise is a Legal Services Committee accredited mediator with 20 years experience in family mediation and a background in social work with children and families. She is the service Professional Practice Consultant to our mediators and is committed to promoting and developing the highest standards of mediation practice.

Clare Brooks

Clare has worked as a mediator since 2006 and has been recognised as a family mediator with the Family Mediation Council since 2008. She also works in the Family Court as a Children's Guardian advising the Court on all child issues as well as undertaking occasional individual and couple counselling assignments.

She has an extensive background in social work, specialising in children and family matters. In addition to her qualification as a mediator, she has a postgraduate diploma in Systemic Family Therapy from the Portman and Tavistock Clinic, and a postgraduate qualification in social work.

Clare is accredited with the Legal Services Commission as a mediator.

Peter Eyles

Peter is a qualified mediator accredited with the Legal Services Commission to work with couples on children and financial matters concerned with divorce and separation.

He qualified as a mediator in the year 2000 through the National Family Mediation (NFM) core training programme and joined our newly set up mediation service in the same year. He also works as a mediator for Relate. Prior to becoming a mediator he was a voluntary relationship counsellor with Relate.

Before becoming a mediator, Peter had a successful career with BT working as an engineer and in staff management. He has an Open University degree specialising in the "Management of Change".

Peter has worked with hundreds of couples over the years dealing with residence, contact, child support matters and the financial aspects of couple separation in terms of their joint assets and debts. (Assets in terms of property/monies/pensions from small amounts to those exceeding the million mark). He is a trainer on the recently introduced Parenting Information Programme used by the family courts.

Evelyn Kennedy

Evelyn trained as a mediator in the early days of mediation 30 years ago when the work was mainly with couples who disputed residence and contact (then called custody and access).

In 2000 Evelyn qualified to work in the area of financial dispute in order to help couples to resolve any financial and property issues arising from their separation and/or divorce. In that year she joined Hopkin Murray Beskine's newly set up Mediation service whilst continuing to work as a mediator in a Relate-run mediation service. She has worked in a family court setting as a mediator on child issues.

Evelyn's first qualification was as a teacher, a career in which she worked for many years. When children are involved directly in the mediation process this is useful background experience.

Evelyn was also a couples counsellor with Relate for 25 years.