

ENOCH EVANS LLP

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GUIDE TO... **MATRIMONIAL AND FAMILY**



The law relating to family matters encompasses many aspects of our everyday lives and relationships and the consequences of the breakdown of those relationships.

The matrimonial and family team at Enoch Evans LLP have experience in providing realistic, reassuring and sound advice on all family matters including:

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- Cohabitation agreements
 - Pre-nuptial agreements
 - Separation agreements
 - Divorce/Dissolution of Civil Partnerships
 - Claims for maintenance or lump sums
 - Claims relating to pension or business assets
 - Property disputes arising out of Separation
 - Children issues
 - Injunctions
 - Contested trust and probate matters
 - Inheritance claims

The family team at Enoch Evans LLP understand that family disputes are very stressful. Where appropriate the team will always try to resolve disputes without the need for court proceedings. Clear advice will also be given about costs at all stages throughout the matter.

DIVORCE / DISSOLUTION OF CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

The team at Enoch Evans LLP can advise on and guide you through the divorce process and can also discuss alternatives in circumstances where a divorce may not be appropriate, for example, for religious reasons.

CHILDREN ISSUES

The breakdown of a relationship will have a bearing on any children of the family and your children's welfare is obviously of paramount importance. Enoch Evans LLP can assist couples with trying to find amicable solutions to children issues, and advise fully on potential court applications if agreement cannot be resolved.

FINANCES ON DIVORCE

Finances are clearly a significant part of any separation and Enoch Evans LLP can assist to bring matters to a negotiated resolution or advise on and guide you through the court process if necessary. In particular Enoch Evans LLP can advise when there are substantial property, pension or family business assets.

SEPARATION AGREEMENTS

A separation agreement is effectively a contract reflecting a financial agreement between a separating couple, whether they are married or un-married. Enoch Evans LLP can assist with negotiating, advising upon and drafting such an agreement.

COHABITATION

Unfortunately the myth of the common law marriage means that many people who live together are not aware that their financial position is not protected. Enoch Evans LLP can advise upon, negotiate and draft a cohabitation agreement which will help deal with any financial issues should cohabitants separate. The team can also explain and guide you through a separation when you have no agreement in place and advise you upon how, for example, your property should be dealt with (whether held in joint names or not).

PRE AND POST-NUPTIAL AGREEMENTS

A pre-nuptial agreement is a document entered into by two people who wish to regulate their financial position as far as possible should their forthcoming marriage come to an end, particularly if one party has children from a previous relationship or previously inherited wealth by way of example. However if you are already married but wish to agree your financial position if you were to separate in the future then a post-nuptial agreement can assist you to achieve this.

CONTESTED TRUST AND PROBATE

Contested trust and probate includes disputes over the estate of a deceased person. Enoch Evans LLP can assist if you believe a will may have been prepared incorrectly or as a result of undue influence. Enoch Evans LLP regularly deal with bringing and defending inheritance provision claims for individuals who believe they may not have been properly provided for in a will. In the case of intestacy (where the deceased left no will), the team are also able to advise you whether you have a valid claim against an estate and how to pursue that claim. The contested trust and probate team at Enoch Evans LLP work closely with the wills, tax and probate team to obtain a resolution to such disputes. The team has the expertise to deal with making or defending court applications if necessary.

INJUNCTIONS

If you are threatened or assaulted then you should seek advice upon applying for an injunction to protect you and if necessary your children. You do not need to be married to apply to the Court for protection.

THE FAMILY TEAM OFFER:

- A quality service at a reasonable rate
- Impartial advice and clear guidance
- The encouragement of a fair settlement and the avoidance of expensive court proceedings where possible
- Excellent advocacy and court experience if disputes cannot be resolved amicably
- An established reputation in the Midlands
- A fast and efficient service
- A specialist knowledge of financial disputes on separation

If you are having problems with your marriage or relationship or want to look to protect your position before you walk down the aisle or cohabit, then contact the team to discuss your options.

Enoch Evans LLP can help you to achieve the result you need. The matrimonial and family team are friendly, experienced and will give you clear guidance and advice.

ABOUT ENOCH EVANS LLP

Enoch Evans LLP is a constantly evolving and innovative law firm which covers a broad range of legal services, ensuring that all legal needs are catered for.

Services include:

- Matrimonial and Family
- Company and Commercial
- Commercial Property
- Dispute Resolution
- Employment
- Wills, Tax and Probate
- Residential Conveyancing
- Criminal and Regulatory Offences
- Notary Public

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