


Dealing *with* DIVORCE

There is no requirement to use a solicitor if you want to divorce, but using a specialist divorce solicitor is vital to make the process fairer, quicker and more secure



You may have seen the recent government announcement confirming its plans to legislate for no fault divorce. In the meantime, the current law says unless there has been a period of desertion for two years or you have been separated for two or five years, divorce has to take place on the fact of adultery or unreasonable behaviour. The majority of divorces in England and Wales are granted on adultery and unreasonable behaviour.

Divorce is always difficult, but having to show fault can increase the conflict between the parties and make it more difficult to sort out child and financial arrangements. There is a large body of evidence demonstrating that conflict can have serious long term effects on children. At Newtons, our Family solicitors are committed to reducing conflict by agreeing to a non-confrontational way of working within the law that puts the best interests of the children first and reduces tension.

For anyone considering divorce or separation, we can help you achieve a fairer, secure and speedier divorce process.

FAIRER

When a couple separate, they need to sort out their financial arrangements. At Newtons we will be able to tell you what you should expect to receive.

If you do not seek specialist legal advice you may not realise what the law entitles you to have. People who do not use solicitors often agree to an unfair financial settlement that they would not have accepted if they had sought proper advice.

MORE SECURE

Once a financial agreement has been reached, this will not be binding unless you have a properly drawn up agreement as either party could later change their mind. We will ensure that any financial settlement is put in a binding and enforceable document, giving you peace of mind and helping you plan for the future.



QUICKER

Most people thinking about divorce don't know where to start. Indeed, many divorce petitions are returned by the Court because they have been completed incorrectly or documents are missing.

At Newtons we deal with divorces day in, day out, and know the process well. Having us on your side will take away much of the stress, after all divorce is one of the most stressful events in life. Going through the process with somebody you can trust helps to reduce tension and makes the whole process quicker and easier.

For more information about how Newtons can help you through divorce, call 0800 038 5500, or visit the Family law pages of our website www.newtons.co.uk.