

Family & Divorce



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Our clients' interests are at the core of everything we do and we work to create long-term relationships with them.

About Us

Blaser Mills is a leading law firm based in the South East with 18 partners and around 60 lawyers.

We are a full-service firm, offering a comprehensive range of legal services to businesses and private individuals. We act for blue-chip companies that are household names as well as SMEs, entrepreneurs and not-for-profit organisations. Blaser Mills has expanded into international markets, regularly advising clients in the UK doing business overseas and international clients wanting to invest in the UK.

The firm has a rich history and we have retained our reputation for high-quality legal advice from lawyers who are experts in their fields.

At the same time, our modern and innovative approach means that we deliver practical and cost-effective solutions. Our lawyers are committed to delivering outstanding service levels and providing clear and prompt advice to our clients.

Our Family and Divorce team offers the highest level of service to our clients.

All our talented senior lawyers have over 10 years' post-qualification experience of English, international and cross-border family and divorce matters. The team is also highly ranked for family and divorce law in the internationally recognised Legal 500 UK directory of law firms, as well as Chambers and Partners UK.

We recognise that clients often seek advice on family law related matters at a time of distress.

We offer a straight-talking approach when guiding you through difficult decisions, typically where your interests, or those of your children, or your assets are at stake. Difficult decisions do not always need a confrontational approach. We help you to form a clear strategy to obtain the best outcome aligned with a transparent and cost-effective approach, whether through negotiated settlement, mediation, collaborative law or litigation.

We are well placed to offer a full and accessible service that fits around your work and personal life, whether in the City or in the surrounding regions.

Our family lawyers can also advise you on ways to be proactive in order to avoid costly family law related litigation further down the line.

We offer advice to couples on entering into Pre-Nuptial Agreements when contemplating marriage as well as on Post-Marital Agreements in the form of "Post-Nups".

We can also assist couples who live together but choose not to marry, helping them avoid complex and costly litigation on separation by the way of entering into a Cohabitation Agreement (No-Nup).

Our Services

We provide a comprehensive range of family law services including:

- Divorce and separation
- Financial matters on divorce or separation
- Arrangements for children
- Pre-Nuptial and Post-Nuptial Agreements
- Cohabitation advice and Agreements
- International family law
- Same-sex families
- Domestic abuse
- Mediation
- Collaborative law

How we work with clients

We will always listen to you and can tailor our approach to meet your needs:

- We understand the need for prompt advice when urgent issues arise.
- We are always transparent about our fees.
- Our expertise enables us to give realistic advice on outcomes and different case types.
- You will benefit from our open lines of communication and be kept fully up to date.
- You will be encouraged to consider mediation and negotiation as opposed to being persuaded down the costly Court route.
- As a law firm offering a full range of legal services, we can direct you to other lawyers within the firm where there are cross-over legal issues.

Acting for the husband in a divorce and Financial Remedy case where the assets were in excess of £5 million and involved complex business assets, with injunctive and complex children proceedings running concurrently.

Preparing a Pre-Nuptial Agreement for parties where the combined wealth was in excess of £6 million.

Acting for the wife/mother attempting to return, with the children, from overseas. Divorce proceedings issued in England to seize jurisdiction but children proceedings having been issued abroad in an overseas Court.

Successfully opposing a husband's application to set aside a final order made in high-net-worth financial proceedings following allegations of the wife non-disclosing substantial overseas assets.

Successfully acting for a wife to obtain financial disclosure of stock options owned by her husband in a company not yet floated, resulting in a final order which included an assignment of shares, a substantial share of the former matrimonial home and spousal maintenance.

Meet the team





Jolene Hutchison

Partner
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Jolene is a Partner and Head of the Family and Divorce team. Having specialised in family and divorce law throughout her career, Jolene's expertise covers a wide range of family law matters.

She has particular expertise in complex financial cases arising on divorce for medium to high-net-worth clients. Jolene has also handled many financial cases with an international element. She regularly drafts and advises on Pre-Nuptial Agreements for clients seeking to protect their assets and income on divorce in respect of assets ranging from £500,000 to £7,000,000.

Jolene is also experienced in dealing with complex children cases, to include applications for leave to remove children from the jurisdiction and implacably hostile contact disputes where guardians are appointed to represent the children.

Not only does Jolene's caseload deal with married couples, she also deals with cohabiting couples and the complex issues that arise on the breakdown of a relationship. Jolene also advises cohabiting couples on avoiding litigation by way of entering into binding contractual Agreements.

Jolene splits her time between the High Wycombe and London offices. Jolene is a committed member of Resolution, an organisation of over 5,000 lawyers and family justice professionals. Under Jolene's headship, the Family and Divorce team have been regularly ranked in the Legal 500 and Jolene has been named as a Leader in her field in Chambers and Partners. In 2016, Chambers have noted that clients are "impressed by Jolene's clarity of thought and ability to identify relevant issues".



Anna Ferro

Senior Associate
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Anna is a Senior Associate solicitor who specialises in family and divorce law, having worked in this field for over 20 years.

Anna deals exclusively with private family clients and has a reputation for providing advice and representation of the very highest quality. Anna undertakes all aspects of divorce and separation issues and related financial matters, as well as pre- and post-marital planning, cohabitation issues and private children matters.

Anna has acted in a number of cases with an international element, including cases concerning child abduction and cases involving large asset bases, both in the UK and abroad.

Anna's sensitive yet assertive approach enables her to guide her clients suitably and to negotiate effectively and constructively to achieve fair and appropriate results.

Anna is a member of the Law Society's Family Law Accreditation Scheme, which recognises expertise and specialist knowledge in the field of matrimonial and family law. Anna is also a member of Resolution, which promotes good practice within her field.



Naim Qureshi
Senior Associate
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Naim is a Senior Associate in the Family and Divorce team, practising exclusively in the field of family and matrimonial law for over 17 years.

Naim deals with all aspects of family and divorce law, and in particular the resolution of financial claims following marital/relationship breakdown and disputes over children. He is also increasingly instructed to draft Pre-and-Post-Nuptial Agreements.

Naim prides himself on his constructive and collaborative approach, but he will have no hesitation in taking firm action where appropriate to protect a client's interests.

Naim is a member of the Law Society's Family Law Accreditation Scheme and a member of Resolution. He is also a qualified collaborative family lawyer.

Prior to joining Blaser Mills, Naim was a Partner at a number of well-known London practices from 2005.



Laura Webster
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Laura is an Associate Solicitor in the Family and Divorce team, having qualified in 2016. She has also gained experience of family and divorce during her previous employment prior to the commencement of her training contract.

Laura undertakes a variety of work in divorce and separation matters and related financial issues, as well as private children matters. In addition to advising clients herself, Laura also assists senior solicitors in the family team with complex cases.

Laura is a member of Y-Res, a network for newly qualified family law professionals committed to the future of family law and the constructive resolution of family disputes.

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