

## **CHILDREN ISSUES**

The decisions you make about your future should be yours. The same applies in respect of your children.

There is a presumption enshrined in the Children Act 1989 that the court should not get involved in matters concerning your children. As parents, you are best placed to make decisions about your children's welfare.

Unfortunately, disputes do arise. We can help you deal with these in a variety of ways to minimise the disruption for the children.

Some of the things we can help you with:

- Child arrangement orders, which are orders regulating whom a child should live or spend time with.
- applications for leave to remove the children to a different country
- emergency orders such as prohibited steps orders to prevent something happening or specific issue orders to make sure something does happen
- financial orders under Schedule I of the Children Act to provide financial support over and above the provisions in the Child Support Act

Whatever the issue is, we will deal with it sensitively but realistically and always with the children's interests at the heart of the matter.

We have extensive links with specialist family law barristers if court proceedings are unavoidable to ensure that your case is put before the court fairly and ethically, focusing on the outcome for you as a family.

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