



SEPARATION AGREEMENTS

Some couples prefer to separate now and perhaps divorce in the future. There may also be a desire to formalise the financial arrangements and agreements concerning the children at the time of separation.

A Separation Deed can formally record these arrangements. A Separation Agreement like any other agreement, can form the basis of a legally binding contract between you and whilst the court could, at a later date in divorce proceedings, disagree with the terms of the agreement, it is highly unlikely that it would seek to disturb what you have already agreed between you and have probably already implemented some time beforehand.

It is usual for there to be full financial disclosure before a Deed is formalised and generally any negotiation as to its terms should proceed on that basis. An agreement is much more likely to be upheld by the court if full and open disclosure has taken place and each party has had the benefit of independent legal advice.

We are happy to work with you in this way if you prefer not to issue divorce proceedings and providing the terms of the agreement represent a fair and reasonable outcome for you both, you can ask the court in any subsequent proceedings to endorse your agreement – all the hard work has already been done!

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