

# Additional Consideration on Separation & Divorce



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Divorce has many consequences, several of which are financial and legal. At Blandy & Blandy we have a range of specialist teams that can advise on a number of these.

## Consider your Will

Following separation or divorce, it is important to review your Will or, if you do not already have one, to take this opportunity to make one.

Divorce invalidates any gifts in your Will to your former spouse or the appointment of your former spouse as executor. In any event, it is unlikely that your Will will still be an accurate reflection of your wishes.

At the same time as reviewing your Will, you can consider who should look after your affairs in the event that you lose capacity.

We have a large and specialist department who can advise you in relation to your Will, including as to the appointment of guardians for any children and any possible tax planning.

We recommend that you contact Jonathan Gater in our Probate, Tax & Trusts department who can arrange for you to speak with a member of the team. He can be contacted on 0118 951 6842 or at [jonathan.gater@blandy.co.uk](mailto:jonathan.gater@blandy.co.uk)



## Financial Planning

As part of your financial settlement, you might receive a share of a spouse's pension. You will need advice on the best pension to invest this in. If you are required to share one or more of your pensions with your spouse, you will need advice on how best to replace the pension provision which you have lost.

In addition, you might want to consider other financial planning, such as protecting the family in the event of death or serious disability, investment for the future, school fee provision, planning for retirement and beyond, etc. Protection of maintenance payments is often also crucial.

These matters are dealt with by our Financial Services team, who give independent financial planning advice. Philip Grafton, will be pleased to help and can be contacted on 0118 951 6932 or at [philip.grafton@blandy.co.uk](mailto:philip.grafton@blandy.co.uk).

## Conveyancing

A financial settlement will often result in the sale or transfer of a property and/or the acquisition of a replacement property. It is important to ensure that the property transactions are linked in to the settlement and that the person dealing with these is aware of and understands the terms of any court order.

Our Property team is experienced in dealing with all types of property transaction and can liaise with our Family Team to ensure that everything proceeds smoothly. We recommend that you contact Julie Strudwick in our Property department who can arrange for you to speak with a member of the team. She can be contacted on 0118 951 6814 or at [julie.strudwick@blandy.co.uk](mailto:julie.strudwick@blandy.co.uk)



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