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Remove some of the stresses of divorce with a fixed fee legal package



When a marriage has broken down you need an experienced and sensitive Family Law team to help guide you through the process of obtaining a divorce. As experts in our field we recognise the need for certainty and simplicity.

We have introduced the option of a Fixed Fee Divorce package for a one off cost of £500 + VAT and Court fees (although you may be eligible for Fee Remission and may not have to pay the Court fees). The benefit of a fixed fee approach is if you want to proceed with a divorce you know the total cost up front and you can make arrangements accordingly, so that when the time comes there is no concern over how much it may cost.

To find out more get in touch to book your free, no obligation initial 15 minute discussion.

Updates from the Property team

We would like to welcome Gill Moore back into the fold as a Solicitor in our Property and Commercial Department. Gill worked with us for 9 years when during this time she was admitted as a Solicitor in 2010. Gill has a deep knowledge of residential property, starting her career at Wimpey Homes, and moving on to becoming a Legal Executive for a property department, and now a Solicitor with many years of experience in conveyancing. Since leaving PowellsLaw Gill has gained further experience in a more commercial role dealing with site set up for new build property and shared ownership properties.

In her spare time Gill has a keen interest in synchronised skating, she manages the Wales & West Synchronised Skating club and took their senior team to represent Great Britain at the World Championships in Italy last April.



Supporting Gill is Jenny Collins, a Chartered Legal Executive who has been working in our Property and Commercial team since November 2014. Jenny qualified as a Chartered Legal Executive in 2007 and at that time specialised in Family Law. Since joining us she has have dealt with a varied caseload of residential property matters including Freehold, Leasehold, registered and unregistered properties. She also has experience in Help to Buy properties, transfers of equity, re-mortgages and right to buy.

Thinking of moving home? Gill or Jenny will be happy to help, please call 01934 637 929 for your initial free 15 minute discussion.

Your Wills, Tax and Trusts team

We wish our Consultant, Tony Roost, the best in his retirement after many years working within the Weston-super-Mare legal community. Tony left us with a fond farewell; "It has been a privilege and a joy to have run a lap or two with you recently. Now you must carry the torch on to bigger and better things, relying on the fact that I shall be cheering you all on from the side-lines." As he starts a new lap or two in retirement, we thought it may be helpful to update you on your points of contact for Wills, Tax and Trust issues;



Ian Shipton: Head of the Probate Department and member of the Society of Trusts and Estate Practitioners (STEP) and the Law Society Private Client Section. Ian has a wealth of experience, he qualified as a Solicitor in 1979 and in his earlier career undertook a diverse and varied workload before focusing on private client work. Telephone: 01934 637 914

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Jenny Brading: Jenny joined PowellsLaw in 2006. She is an extremely experienced Solicitor who won the STEP Administration of Trusts Student of the Year Award (November paper, 2007). She is a Committee member of the Solicitors for the Elderly Somerset Region. Jenny became an Associate of PowellsLaw on 1st June 2014. Telephone: 01934 637 931

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Kay Dawson: Kay qualified as a Barrister in 2003 and as a Solicitor in August 2009. She specialises in Trust and Estate work including Wills, Tax Planning, Estate Administration, Powers of Attorney and Court of Protection cases. Telephone: 01934 637 902

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All bringing their own areas of expertise, they welcome your questions in a FREE initial 15 minute discussion to get to understand your situation. Please contact us to arrange an appointment.

Business News - get ahead in 2015

Now could be the perfect time to ensure your business is geared up for any upturn in the market. Our Commercial Team can provide a free initial review of the legal requirements for your business and flag up any areas of your legal cover that could be improved upon. We can also take a look at the potential legal implications of any changes you have made, or are thinking of making, to your business.

To book your business review please call 01934 623 501 and ask to speak to a member of our Commercial Team, or email helpforyourbusiness@powellslaw.com





Children Law Scheme accreditation

Our senior Family lawyer, Bobby Ferrari has recently had her accreditation to the Law Society's Children Law Scheme renewed. She was initially accredited some 25 years ago, which recognises Bobby's continuing dedication and experience in this field of law.

The Children Law Accreditation Scheme covers all types of children law work, and to become accredited, members will have undergone a rigorous assessment, to show the Law Society that they have and will maintain a high level of knowledge, skills, experience and practice in this area, be that in private practice or working for a local authority.

If you have a legal question that affects children, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Bobby or any member of our Family Law team, to ensure you get the best results at an early stage to avoid potential conflicts which could arise at a later date.











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