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# PowellsLaw 🥩

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#### New look, same great service

You may have noticed something different about this Newsletter? That's because we have launched our re-brand. We feel this fresher, more contemporary look and feel reflects our friendly and positive approach to providing expert legal solutions for our clients. You'll now see our new logo and name change to 'PowellsLaw' across all communications from us, we hope you like it!





#### Will Drafting – Don't pay the price of a poorly drafted Will

Wills are legal documents, and small errors can cause big problems and potential cost implications on the amount that passes on to your loved ones, therefore it is important to have your Will drawn up by a professionally qualified solicitor, who can tailor your Will to your own wishes and circumstances, unlike template documents and online services.

With over three-quarters (77%) of parents with children under the age of five not making a Will, and nearly half those who have (46%) not reviewing it in the last five years<sup>\*</sup>, the statistics show that people are facing significant risks of firstly not having a professionally drawn Will and secondly not keeping it up to date.

At PowellsLaw our experienced Private Client team can offer you advice and prepare a Will for you. To help you get a full understanding of your options please contact one of our experienced lawyers for a free initial no obligation discussion to ensure you get the outcome that's best for you, at the cost that's right for you. We also offer a range of payment options; from a fixed fee to pay as you go, you choose which is best for you. If you would like to find out more on the facts about making a Will, please visit www.powellslaw.com for a useful guide. \*Source: Foresters Friendly Society

## Sort out the financial and child arrangements with help from our qualified mediator

Our in house qualified and highly experienced mediator Siân Hopkin can help you and your ex-partner reach agreements about all aspects of a separation. Namely the arrangements for the children, the financial aspects such as what will happen to your house and the possible question of divorce without going to court.

Siân has been a mediator since 1994 and her experience and training enables her to handle the sensitive emotional issues surrounding family disputes as well as specific legal issues.

We can offer an initial meeting (either on your own or together) for just £40 + VAT, to consider whether mediation is appropriate for your circumstances. This cost will be taken against the cost of mediation if instructed.

To book your initial meeting or for further information please contact Siân Hopkin on 01934 623501 or email hopkin@powellslaw.com.



#### News from the office

This month we have a couple of exciting updates from our office on Oxford Street. Firstly we would like to congratulate Jenny Brading on becoming an Associate at PowellsLaw. Jenny has been with us since 2006 and we feel this promotion reflects the hard work and excellent service to our clients she has provided over the years.

Secondly, we would like to welcome our two newest members to the PowellsLaw team; Peter Knibbs who has joined us as a Solicitor and Mandy Oakenfull who has joined our Cash Office team. Peter has an interest in politics and history, and is a District Councillor at Mendip District Council. Mandy enjoys horse riding and training her Old English Sheep dog, she also likes to raise money for St Peters Hospice, one of her favourite charities. We will keep you informed of any fundraising activities Mandy is involved in the future.

#### STOP PRESS

Given the continued growth of our firm, we are also delighted to announce that Sian Gale has joined us as a Trainee Solicitor. More details in our next issue.









