

Bartons Family Department can advise on the following :

- **Cohabitation agreements** - we can advise on and prepare agreements to protect your interest in a property if you were going to invite your partner to live with you or to set out who pays what while parties live together and also what happens in the event that the parties wish to separate.
- **Disputes between cohabiters** – we can advise on the situation where a couple separate and cannot agree what should happen to the property they live in or other assets.
- **Separation Agreements** – we can advise on and prepare separation agreements where couples have reached an agreement on financial matters following their separation and wish to record their intentions to try and prevent any further disputes or claims from the other party.
- **Pre nuptial agreements** –we can advise on and prepare agreements entered into prior to considering marriage.
- **Divorce** – we can advise on the grounds for divorce and the procedure from issuing the proceedings to Decree Absolute.
- **Resolution of financial matters following on from divorce** – we can advise on an appropriate financial settlement and how to achieve that, whether through the mediation process, through solicitors or by making an application to the Court. .
- **Any issues in relation to children** – we can advise on disputes over where a child should live or how much contact a child has with another person. We can also advise on other issues involving children such as involvement with Social Services or Adoption or more specific problems such as disputes over schools or taking a child out of the country.
- **Injunctions** – we can advise on applications to prevent one person from intimidating, harassing or being violent to another and also applications to determine occupation of a property.

Fiona Wadey, the family law solicitor at Bartons is a member of Resolution, formerly the Solicitors Family Law Association. As a member of Resolution she is committed to resolving disputes in a constructive and non confrontational way so as to preserve people's dignity and encourage agreements.