

MEDIATION SERVICES

Trusted Family Mediators and Solicitors
across Sussex and Surrey



Family Mediation Services



We are a modern law firm, with offices in Sussex and Surrey. We deliver quality, relevant and accessible legal services to you and your clients and provide advice from experienced solicitors and legal advisers. For help with Family Mediation Services, contact our mediators today.

What is Mediation?

Family Mediation is a process by which separating parties seek to reach a resolution about their children, finances and property. The parties discuss these issues in the presence of a trained independent third party – the Mediator.

A Mediator is independent, and a mediator helps the parties to:-

- Find practical solutions
- Make things work
- Reach joint decisions
- Focus on the needs and feelings of the children
- Mediators cannot give legal advice but can provide legal information

Mediators will help you work out what happens after you separate.

Benefits of Mediation

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- Is less stressful than going through the court, especially for children.
- Is cheaper than going through a court process.
- Follows the parties' pace rather than a court timetable.
- Helps to reach proposals which are more likely to last
- Mediation can be made legally binding by a court.
- Is confidential.

Mediation Procedure

Family Mediation at GoodLaw Family Mediation Service is undertaken under the Family Mediation Code of Practice of Resolution, usually by a sole mediator but, where appropriate, with a co-mediator, who may be a professional with experience in marital and family work. In either event this provides a supportive professional forum in which parties can be helped to deal with all issues arising on relationship breakdown. This includes, for example, the practicalities of separation, the breakup of a civil partnership, finance and arrangements for the children.

Mediation is undertaken with the parties together, either in the same room or in the same building. We are able to offer mediation in person or remotely on TEAMS.

In all cases parties will not be required to reach any complete and binding resolution in mediation without having had the opportunity to review matters with their own solicitors. Without Prejudice Summaries of the financial information and of the settlement proposals will be furnished to the parties for the purpose of independent legal advice as and when required.



Our Mediators

Jane Wells is a Mediator and Family Law Specialist. Jane is a solicitor who has specialised in family law for more than 30 years and has been a family mediator for another 25 years. Jane is a member of The Law Society's Children Law Panel and is a fully accredited family mediator with Resolution. Jane specialises in children's matters and can mediate on all issues, including children and finances.

Malvina Peci is a specialist family lawyer and mediator who deals with all areas of family law, with particular specialism in matrimonial matters, having led cases involving complex high net worth assets, tax/trust issues and substantial business assets.

Our service is subject to Legal Aid Agency (legal aid) quality controls and audits, complying with the relevant requirements concerning quality of service. Goodlaw are willing to accept referrals through solicitors, other agencies or directly from clients. If you wish to make a referral or require further information, please contact one of our family mediators at family@goodlawsolicitors.co.uk.

Legal Aided Mediation

Our service has a contract with the Legal Aid Agency (LAA) to offer mediation supported by legal aid. This means that our mediators are willing to accept legally aided clients who wish to participate in mediation or who are required to attend a meeting with a mediator prior to applying for a Family Order (MIAM).

Free mediation is available to any client who meets the criteria set by the Legal Aid Agency. The first mediation session is free of charge for the party who is not eligible for legal aid when the other party is eligible for legal aid.



Why Choose Us?



- ✓ Transparent fees and funding options
- ✓ Friendly, approachable support in plain English
- ✓ Accredited, experienced Family Mediators
- ✓ Child focused, confidential process
- ✓ Flexible sessions in person, online or together

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