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and experience”.*  
*Aileen Hartnett is*  
*“firm, fair, determined*  
*and knowledgeable”*

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Issues relating to family law can often be messy, complicated and expensive, making the prospect of resolving family and relationship problems very daunting. Senior members of Taylor Walton’s Family Law team have over 30 years experience in dealing with a vast array of relationship and children issues.

We aim to resolve our clients’ problems by providing sound and constructive expert advice to achieve practical solutions for them and for their families. This brochure provides only a brief introduction to the services and approach of Taylor Walton’s Family Department, which is one of the largest in the south east region. A more detailed commentary about aspects of family law can be found on our web site.

## ■ Our Approach

Appointing a lawyer to handle your most personal dealings is a major decision and one which should not be undertaken lightly. All lawyers in our Family Department are members of Resolution\*. We are experienced in resolving highly personal and often complex matters in a constructive and sensitive manner. Where possible we will always seek an amicable solution, but should court proceedings be required, you can rest assured we are highly skilled in preparing and representing your case and will go the extra mile to get the best settlement for you.

We undertake a wide range of Matrimonial and Family Law issues, including:

- Divorce
- Civil Partnerships and Dissolution
- Separation & Separation Agreements
- Financial Settlements, including: Property, Maintenance, Pensions and complex issues
- Pre-nuptial Agreements
- Co-habitation Agreements
- Children issues: Child Maintenance, Contact, Residence (Custody) and Parental Responsibility (including those with an international element). Care Proceedings and Adoption.

## ■ High Net-Worth Clients

We are experienced in dealing with the affairs of high net-worth individuals. For businesses owners or clients with a portfolio of assets, the Family Department often works in conjunction with Taylor Walton’s highly regarded Private Client team, which can advise on all important matters relating to tax and the preservation of wealth, including the use of trusts in the transfer of assets.

## ■ Financial Settlements and Ancillary Relief

Financial settlements and the division of matrimonial assets, often referred to as ancillary relief, can become extremely bitter if not managed carefully. Even if an amicable settlement has been informally reached, many misconceptions exist about the division of assets and it is therefore important to take legal advice before entering in to any final agreement. Our experience in guiding clients and dealing with this difficult process allows clients to reach a much more considered opinion about their own circumstances and to be more positive about the future.

## ■ Children Matters

We have an experienced team who are able to advise and deal with all aspects of children matters, both as a matter of private law and public law. For example where a parent, or the person with the care of a child, requires advice and assistance in making an application to the Court for parental responsibility, residence of or contact with a child, maintenance payment for a child or change of the child's name. We also advise in relation to Guardianship Orders and Adoption applications.

## ■ Collaborative Law

Collaborative law is a process that enables couples to resolve disputes over their children or financial issues on divorce or separation without Court intervention. Separating couples agree not to issue Court proceedings and to work together with their respective collaborative lawyers towards finding a solution to the dispute through face-to-face meetings.

The advantage of Collaborative Law is that acrimonious, stressful and protracted court proceedings are avoided and the pace and outcome is determined by mutual agreement rather than through a court-imposed timetable and judgement. This can help safeguard family relationships, particularly when children are involved. The process relies on trust and honesty. Under the terms of the collaborative agreement, a lawyer must withdraw from acting for their client if he or she has withheld or misrepresented information intentionally or is participating in the process in bad faith. This situation rarely arises as a result of competent assessment by the collaborative lawyer of the parties wishing to enter into the collaborative process.

\* Resolution, which was formerly known as the Solicitors Family Law Association (SFLA), is an organisation of 5,000 lawyers who believe in a constructive, non-confrontational approach to family law matters.

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# About

## Taylor Walton LLP

Taylor Walton is an award winning law firm based in South-East England, providing cost effective legal services to businesses and individuals. The firm was voted UK Corporate Law Firm of the Year 2009 by readers of Acquisition Finance magazine.

We strive to keep clients one step ahead of the law, including regular free seminars and legal updates. Based strategically close to, but not in London, we also offer highly competitive fee rates. As confirmed by leading independent directory Chambers & Partners:

*“One of the huge benefits is that you get easy access to partners with City experience but don’t have to pay City firm prices”*  
and *“Great dedication to its clients”*

We have key strengths in commercial property, corporate transactions, employment and dispute resolution, and specialist areas including technology & outsourcing, professional negligence and business immigration.

Our private client teams are recognised for their expertise in assisting individuals with estate and tax planning, trusts and probate, together with matrimonial matters and home conveyancing.

We recognise our corporate social responsibility. Taylor Walton takes a very active role in supporting local community initiatives, reducing our impact on the environment and acting responsibly in our buying decisions.

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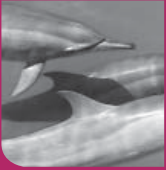
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