



Is a specialist family lawyer right for me?

How a Resolution Accredited
Specialist can help

Whether you are separating, divorcing, dissolving a civil partnership, or have a decision to make about the care of your children, it's important to get the right legal advice.

Why choose a Resolution member?

Resolution members are family justice professionals who commit to a Code of Practice that promotes a constructive and non-confrontational approach to resolving family issues. That means they will work with you to reduce the emotional and financial impact of separation.

The key aim for Resolution members is to help you find the best way to resolve things for you and your family, working with parents to put the needs of any children first.

Approaching your issue constructively could cost you less - emotionally and financially - and any decisions are likely to be better and longer lasting than if a court imposes a solution on you.

Sometimes court proceedings are unavoidable – Resolution Accredited Specialists can explain, assist and support you through any proceedings that are necessary.

Why choose a Resolution Specialist?

Resolution Specialists are experts in a particular area of the law, and will help to limit or prevent conflict and distress. They work to reach an outcome that works for the whole family.

Like all members, Resolution Specialists have the expertise and experience to deal with your matter effectively and efficiently, which may be more cost effective for you.



Resolution Specialists complete a rigorous assessment every three years that tests their expertise and the way they work with clients, so you can be confident that they have your family's best interests at heart.

What help can a specialist provide?

Resolution Specialists cover a range of areas of the law arising from family life including:

- Adoption
- Child abduction
- Disputes between parents or relatives, or with a local authority
- The law relating to unmarried couples
- Complex financial and property matters
- Domestic abuse
- Emergency procedures to secure assets in financial and property matters
- International law
- Financial arrangements for children
- Forced marriage and honour based violence
- Not having enough money to pay debts
- Pensions
- Preparing and presenting cases in court

If you need financial advice, Resolution Accredited Financial Advisers are experts in working with separating couples, and will work with your family lawyer or mediator, helping you and your family gain a better sense of your financial future.

If your case involves local authority care proceedings, the Law Society also has a panel of specialists who can help you. See www.lawsociety.org.uk

Our Code of Practice

Resolution members follow a Code of Practice that promotes a constructive approach to family issues and considers the needs of the whole family, in particular the best interests of children. This means:

- Listening to you, being honest with you and treating you with respect.
- Explaining all the options and giving you confidence to make the right decisions.
- Helping you focus on what's important in the long term.
- Helping you balance financial and emotional costs with what you want to achieve.
- Working with others to find the right approach and the best solutions for you.
- Managing stress in what can be an already stressful situation.

To find a Resolution Specialist in your area, start by looking on our website. Go to resolution.org.uk/findamember

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Ask your lawyer or mediator

If you and your lawyer or mediator decide you need more in-depth advice on a particular area, they can refer you to a Resolution Accredited Specialist.



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