

# Welcome to the Family Department



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Our Family Team includes members of Resolution and the Law Society Family Panel. We understand that there is nothing more important than family and are therefore able to offer practical and sensitive support on a wide range of issues. We are committed to helping clients resolve matters following the breakdown of their relationship and other family problems as amicably and effectively as possible.

Our team have the necessary experience, skills and sensitivity to guide you through some difficult choices and to see you safely through to the other side.

In all cases we look to achieve the best possible outcome for you by ensuring that:

- The legal issues are clearly explained to you at the outset
- You are made aware of the prospects of success of your matter and the likely outcome
- The matter remains cost effective and you receive regular cost updates.

We can offer advice on:

- **Divorce and Financial issues**
- **Mediation**
- **Child Law**
- **Childcare**
- **Protecting rights of parties in an unmarried family**
- **Orders relating to domestic violence**
- **Dissolution of Civil Partnerships**
- **Change of Name for Children**
- **Collaborative Law**

We have a Legal Services Commission franchise for dealing with family work and therefore are still able to provide an outstanding service to all of our clients irrespective of their means.

If you would like more information about the services the Team can offer, or if you need to discuss any particular problem, please contact one of the Team by email or telephone:

**TEL: 023 8064 4822**

## **Nicola Mitchell (Partner, Solicitor)**

**Head of Department, Law Society Family Law Panel Member, Resolution Member, Trained Collaborative Lawyer.**

Nicola's expertise is in a wide range of areas including; Divorce, Financial Settlements, Cohabitee Disputes, Domestic Violence, Separation Agreements/Cohabitee Agreements/Pre marital Agreements. As well as representing clients in the above areas she is also a specialist in Private Children Law, Childcare and Child Abduction matters.



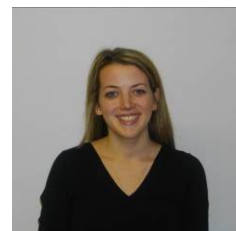
Nicola graduated from Leicester University in Law in 1997 and completed her training contract with a large Midlands firm, The Smith Partnership, qualifying as a Solicitor in 2001. Nicola joined Knight & Co in 2003. and is now the Head of the Family Department based at the Romsey Road Office of the merged firm Knight Polson. She became a Partner in April 2010

Outside of Work, Nicola enjoys spending time with her own family, reading and walking. She also enjoys foreign travel

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## **Katie Johnson (Assistant Solicitor)**

Katie graduated from Bournemouth University with a 2.1 degree in Law in 2005. She then went to work at Caroline Coats Solicitors in Blackfield dealing mostly with Wills, Probate and Enduring Powers of Attorney.



Katie joined Knight Polson as a Trainee in June 2007 and qualified as a Solicitor in January 2009. Katie specialises in Divorce, Financial Settlements and Private Children Law.

In her spare time Katie enjoys playing her saxophone, reading and eating out.

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## **Sarah Ryan (Solicitor)**

Sarah graduated from Southampton Solent University in 2007 with a 2:1 LLB (Hons) in Law and further graduated from The Guildford College of Law with a Distinction in her Legal Practice Course.



She started her legal career at Dominy & Morrish Solicitors prior to the firm being taken over by Knight Polson in 2005. Since that time Sarah has worked mainly in the Family Department at Knight Polson and in March 2010 qualified as a Solicitor.

Sarah specialises in Divorce, Financial Settlements arising from matrimonial breakdowns, Domestic Violence, Co-habitee Disputes, Separation Agreements and Co-habitee Agreements. Sarah also specialises in Private Children Law and Care Matters.

Recently married, Sarah enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

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## **Maggie Seacombe (Legal Secretary)**

Maggie has been with Knight Polson for 14 years. Initially as the Assistant to the Managing Partner, she moved on to the criminal department for a brief time before settling in the family department in 2003 where she has been ever since.

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## **Eileen Hoad (Legal Secretary)**

Eileen joined the family department at Knight Polson 11 years ago. In 2002 she moved to the residential conveyancing department where she remained for 5 years. Eileen returned to the family department at Knight Polson in October 2007.

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