

Caroline Ford

## **Description**

Caroline has specialised in family law since 2001 and was admitted as a solicitor in 2003. She specialises in divorce and the financial aspect of relationship breakdown as a result of divorce or separation as well as financial provision for children (Schedule 1 of the Children Act 1989). She is committed to ensuring that her clients receive a fair and workable result.

Prior to joining Fletcher Day in August 2020 Caroline was the family Law partner at PCM Solicitors, a niche city firm, for almost 9 years. Caroline drafts consent orders following parties reaching agreement on financial issues at mediation or following negotiations. She drafts and advises on pre and post-nuptial agreements, separation agreements, and cohabitation agreements. She also represents parents who cannot agree on the time they spend with their children and parents who wish to relocate with their children to another country.

Caroline strives to negotiate settlements in a cost-effective way for her clients. She is a trained and experienced collaborative lawyer and is a keen advocate of resolving family disputes using this process.

Caroline appreciates that the breakdown of a relationship is a very difficult period and emotions can run high, especially when there are children concerned and/or the parties are in dispute over the finances. She deals with such matters with a high degree of sensitivity and understanding.

## **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

- Divorce
- Matrimonial finances/financial settlement
- Separation agreements

- Pre and postnuptial agreements
- Cohabitation agreements
- Unmarried separation issues (including TOLATA applications).
- Children matters/proceedings (including Schedule 1 applications)
- Domestic Violence & Injunctions
- Trust Deeds for unmarried couples purchasing a property.
- Using the collaborative process to reach an agreement.

## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

Acting for a husband who thought he was divorced in a different jurisdiction after responding to an advertisement to take a holiday and obtain a quickie divorce in the process.

Acting for a husband in financial remedy proceedings when the wife's litigation misconduct in being uncooperative and evasive resulted in multiple costs order being made against her.

A successful application on a seeking leave to remove a child from the jurisdiction to relocate in the Cayman Islands.

## **MEMBERSHIP AND RECOGNITION**

Resolution member

Collaborative lawyer and member of the North London Collaborative Pod