

Divorce & Separation

Good advice to avoid becoming the next Mr & Dr Foster!



Like many of you, I watched the dramatic twists and turns of Doctor Foster on the BBC recently and from the perspective of a family lawyer I am sad to report that I was not shocked to observe the results of the ugly sides of divorce and separation. I sincerely hope that viewers in similar circumstances to those characters were sufficiently shocked by what they saw to consider the effect such behaviour can have during the course of divorce.

Whilst expert advice from a family law specialist will go a long way towards resolving your dispute in a timely and efficient manner it is clear that co-operation is also vitally important. When children are involved I would always advise they remain both parties' paramount consideration throughout the separation and this will inevitably mean the parents must compromise a little to ensure children do not get caught in the middle, or worse forced to choose between their parents.

The Office for National Statistics reports that approximately 42% of marriages end in divorce and of those couples around half are expected to petition for divorce within the first 10 years of marriage. This in turn means couples are more likely to divorce whilst they have young children, therefore how the children perceive the divorce process, and what effect it has on them, becomes even more important.

Not every case needs to be as tragic or fraught as Mr & Dr Foster's; At K J Smith Solicitors we have a growing team of experts in family law who can advise as to your next steps during the stress of a marriage breakdown. We will advise you as to your legal position

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and aim to give you practical advice that will allow you to make the right choices for your family.

If you, or someone you know, would benefit from such specialist advice then remember that K J Smith are the only niche family law firm offering advice right across the Thames Valley from our newest office in Abingdon, to our original office in Henley and across our other offices in London, Woodley, Windsor, Beaconsfield, Basingstoke and Guildford too. We also offer a free 45 minute consultation with a specialist family lawyer – this gives us an opportunity to give you the important initial advice but it also gives you the chance to meet our team and decide if we are the right fit for you.

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