

## Hiring a Divorce Lawyer

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When attempts to resolve issues following the breakdown of a marriage have failed and you and your ex-spouse are gridlocked it is time to hire a divorce lawyer.

Is hiring a divorce lawyer as simple as opening a phone book and choosing whoever your finger lands on? Well, you could go that route. Your divorce is a major expense in your life much like doing major renovations on your home. If you choose someone at random to replace your plumbing and they have never done plumbing before, you could regret that decision every time you run the water.

### Tips for Hiring a Divorce Lawyer

Personality is important. As you will be discussing some very personal issues with your divorce lawyer you need to be working with someone with whom you feel comfortable.

It is important to know how long your divorce lawyer has been practising in your local area - are they familiar with the Judges and the Family Court and how they work? Are they experienced in your jurisdiction and knowledgeable about the law that applies to your case?

How much of their caseload is divorce? If they only do few divorces a year you may want to keep looking for someone who is more specialised.

Are they experienced in both custody and monetary settlement cases?

Are they members of Resolution a specialist body of family law solicitors?

What are their charges? Do they provide a costs estimate? In important matters such as this it is foolish to economise on professional advice so choose the best, not the cheapest!

At Colemans our senior solicitor Elizabeth Miles has 40 years of experience dealing with all aspects of family law. Not only does she practise as a family law solicitor but also a mediator and collaborative lawyer respectively. Some of this experience has been gained in the capacity of a Deputy District Judge, which gives Elizabeth Miles a truly in-depth understanding of what might appeal to a Judge. Most of our work is obtained by referral based on our reputation borne out by experience, solid advice and personable interaction. For a confidential chat with one of our experienced family law solicitors please contact Elizabeth Miles by telephone on 01628 631051 or by email to [family@colemans.co.uk](mailto:family@colemans.co.uk).