

## collaborative law - the sensible solution

**stevensdrake** is of the view that clients should be provided with all possible options of achieving the best resolution they can for their family. The 'collaborative' approach is a new way of approaching Family Law. For couples who genuinely wish to arrive at a fair solution, this offers the very best way ahead.

Collaborative law aims at reaching solutions together to ease the pain of relationship breakdown and to create the best chance of building a brighter future.

Traditionally when a couple splits up they each take independent advice from specialist family lawyers. Working through their lawyers they try to reach agreement on how best to settle their differences. When they are unable to reach agreement it is left to the courts to decide which often leads to uncertainty and delay.

Where the collaborative approach is followed, the couple will sit down with the help of their solicitors all together in the same room and work it out face to face. Rather than dealing through their solicitors, they work with them to achieve the best solutions for themselves and their family.

### What it needs to make it work

This approach needs the right people with the right frame of mind:

- A genuine desire to make it work
- A willingness to disclose, fully and honestly, information about all assets
- Skilled, trained solicitors who are practiced in working in this new collaborative way
- An agreement that will reach a solution without going to court

**stevensdrake** is committed to this new way of resolving matters which allows clients to set the agenda so that they talk about things that matter most and set the pace so that they are not governed by court dates and appearances.

Key decisions made in collaborative law are made by clients themselves rather than being made by a stranger in a court room.

Collaborative lawyers like Susan Jago at **stevensdrake**, are absolutely committed to helping you find the best solutions by agreement rather than through conflict.

Call Susan for an initial confidential chat and further information.

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