

After Separation - the road ahead

Thank you for taking the time to view our website and expressing your interest in the Family Law articles prepared by our Family Law team.

In our experience, it is important that you approach Family Law matters with a clear mind and a clear understanding of your objectives and desired outcome from the outset. Sometimes it is best to deal with family law matters after you take the time to deal with the emotional effects that arise as a result of separation.



After separation

In addition to consulting with a Family Lawyer at McNamara & Associates it may be beneficial for you to also obtain professional assistance in dealing with your separation from a qualified counsellor/psychologist to assist with the stress and turmoil that comes with ending a relationship. If you would like us to make any recommendations to you in this respect please do not hesitate to contact our office and we will be happy to talk to you.

Once you are in a position to go ahead we think it is important that there be a plan or a road map for what is ahead so that you have peace of mind.

The following is a basic description of the usual process to resolve family law matters.

If your Family Law issue stems from the need to separate your finances with your previous partner the usual steps are:-

- 1. Exchange of information and documents between the parties**
- 2. We give you advice on your entitlements**
- 3. You make a proposal of settlement**
- 4. Negotiations, conferencing or mediation to reach agreement**
- 5. Court documents to formalise the agreement**

6. If agreement not reached a Court Application would be made as a last resort.

The Family Lawyers at McNamara & Associates can guide you through the above process and provide you with advices surrounding your entitlements and the best way to achieve the most favourable result at the end of the day.

If your Family Law issue relates to parenting matters the usual steps are:-

- 1. Consideration and advice on the child's best interests**
- 2. Drawing up a parenting proposal**
- 3. Negotiations, conferencing or mediation to reach agreement**
- 4. Documenting any agreement in Consent Orders or a Parenting Plan**
- 5. If agreement not reached a Court Application**

Family Lawyers at McNamara & Associates can also guide you through the process to provide you with advices surrounding how to best resolve your dispute with a child focused approach.

Sometimes life presents challenges that require urgent and decisive action. If urgent action is necessary to protect your children or conserve your property then immediate Court Applications can be made. There can be serious consequences of applying to the Court and it is recommended to seek legal advice where urgent action is needed.

Bearing in mind our suggestions above about making sure you are in the right frame of mind before attempting to tackle your family law matter, when the time is right one of our firms Family Lawyers would be pleased to offer you an obligation free 30 minute initial consultation. As this first meeting we discuss your circumstances, provide you with legal advice based on your situation, suggest a road map for moving forward, and provide you with an estimate of your anticipated legal fees based on your situation.

Our Family Lawyers are available to see you in our Ipswich, Springfield, Brisbane and Gatton offices at your convenience.

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