

Membership of Resolution commits family lawyers to resolving disputes in a non-confrontational way.

We believe that family law disputes should be dealt with in a constructive way designed to preserve people's dignity and to encourage agreements.

Members of Resolution are required to:

- ✓ Conduct matters in a constructive and non-confrontational way
- ✓ Avoid use of inflammatory language both written and spoken
- ✓ Retain professional objectivity and respect for everyone involved
- ✓ Take into account the long term consequences of actions and communications as well as the short term implications
- ✓ Encourage clients to put the best interests of the children first
- ✓ Emphasise to clients the importance of being open and honest in all dealings
- ✓ Make clients aware of the benefits of behaving in a civilised way
- ✓ Keep financial and children issues separate
- ✓ Ensure that consideration is given to balancing the benefits of any steps against the likely costs – financial or emotional
- ✓ Inform clients of the options e.g. counselling, family therapy, round table negotiations, mediation, collaborative law and court proceedings
- ✓ Abide by the Resolution Guides to Good Practice

This Code should be read in conjunction with the Law Society's Family Law Protocol.
All solicitors are subject to the Solicitors Practice Rules