



**GALBALLY|&|O'BRYAN**

Lawyers

## **Family law**

Getting the right advice

### **A stressful and traumatic event**

The breakdown of a relationship or marriage can be a stressful and traumatic event.

It can affect all family members including children, grandparents and other relatives.

Galbally & O'Bryan can help you by providing practical advice focussed on your particular needs.

**To obtain expert advice from one of our lawyers  
telephone 9200 2533 or arrange a free first appointment.**



## **Marriage and de facto relationships**

Our first aim is to help you avoid problems where possible.

Seeking advice before marriage or entering a de facto relationship can minimise the risk of problems later.

Where disputes do occur we aim to resolve them through sensible negotiated settlements to minimise cost and stress and help preserve any ongoing dealings with your partner.

This is especially important where children are involved. Where it is not possible to reach an agreement we have the experience and expertise to act decisively on your behalf in court proceedings.

## Divorce

To divorce, an application needs to be made to the court. Many people can do this themselves. We can assist with the application if you wish. We can also attend your divorce hearing to ensure the divorce is granted as quickly as possible.

## Property and financial settlements

### Married couples

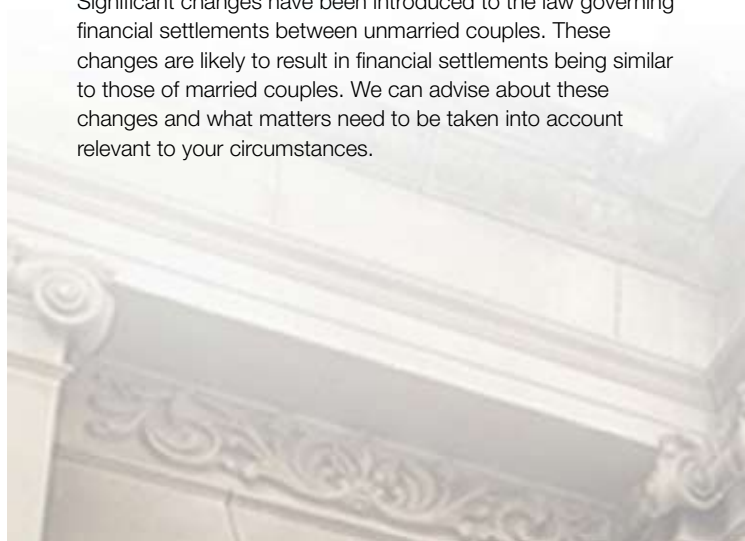
You will need advice about what the law is, how it works and how it would be applied to your particular circumstances. Property may include the family home, investment properties, shareholdings, business enterprises and partnerships. There are many factors to consider with property and financial settlements including:

- What property and finances each person brought into the relationship;
- Each person's contribution during the relationship (both financial and non-financial);
- Future needs.

We can protect and advance your interests in negotiating a sensible, timely and cost effective financial settlement.

### De facto and same sex couples

Significant changes have been introduced to the law governing financial settlements between unmarried couples. These changes are likely to result in financial settlements being similar to those of married couples. We can advise about these changes and what matters need to be taken into account relevant to your circumstances.



## **Children and parenting issues**

We can advise you on your right to spend time with your children. Parents may need guidance to reach agreement as to how much time children spend with each of you. Often a child lives mainly with one parent and spends time with the other parent. Sometimes the child spends equal time with each parent. Whatever the arrangement it must suit the child's needs.

Grandparents or others who are significant in the children's lives may want to make sure they continue to see the children even after the separation.

We can advise you on your parenting rights and obligations.

## **Child support and maintenance**

Some recent changes have been made to the child support system. We can advise you about these changes and how they may affect you.

Many parents agree on their own arrangements for child support. We can help you formalise those arrangements through a child support agreement. It is important to obtain advice before entering into a child support agreement as the terms of the agreement may be in place for many years.



## How can Galbally & O'Bryan help?

### We aim to help resolve your family law situation by:

- advising on what the law is, how it works and how it would be applied to your particular circumstances;
- engaging in sensible negotiation to achieve an early resolution;
- acting decisively in court proceedings if a resolution cannot be achieved.

### We offer

- flexible payment arrangements depending on your financial circumstances the details of which we will explain and set out in writing
- free telephone advice and if we can help a consultation at either:

#### **Melbourne office:**

259 William Street Melbourne VIC 3000

Phone: (03) 9200 2533

#### **Dandenong office:**

Shop Shop Nine 147 - 151 Foster Street Dandenong VIC 3175

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Shop Shop One 15 John Street Pakenham VIC 3810

Phone: (03) 5941 7990



## Legal services – our areas of expertise

Galbally & O'Bryan is a legal firm which was founded in 1935. Located in Melbourne and Dandenong we provide comprehensive legal services in the following areas:

### **Injury compensation claims including:**

- Workcover
- TAC
- Medical negligence
- Defective products
- Accidents in a public place or on private property
- ComCare claims
- Superannuation and disability insurance claims

### **Wills and probate including:**

- Challenging a Will
- Making a Will
- Probate and estate administration
- Estate planning

**Criminal law** - defence of police charges

**Family law** - marriage and de facto relationships, divorce, property and financial settlements, children and parenting issues

**Employment matters** - employment contracts, termination of employment, redundancy, discrimination

**Property law** - leasing, buying and selling a property or business

**Commercial litigation/dispute resolution** - commercial and contractual disputes, debt recovery, property disputes, general and professional negligence claims.

## For more information

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