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Arrangements for Children




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 **ascent** - you should seek the help and advice of our Family Law specialists about arrangements for your child(*) if you are:

- a separated parent and disagree with the other parent about the arrangements for the care and upbringing of your child
- a separated parent and disagree with the other parent about arrangements for contact (historically called 'access')
- a grandparent or other relative and have concerns about the welfare of the child and/or how often you see the child
- caring, and wish to care for a child of whom you are not a parent

ascent - contact and residence

Where parents are unable to agree the arrangements for the care, upbringing and residence of their children, we can advise as to ways of resolving the dispute. We can also assist grandparents and other family members where they are concerned about the arrangements for the children and/or their relationship with them.

ascent - child protection and injunctions

Situations can occur where one party in a marriage and/or a child suffers violence or abuse at the hands of the other. In such a case, the Court may be prepared to grant an injunction. Similarly if Social Services seek to intervene in your family, our specialist team will advise prior to proceedings being issued, and can represent you if the case goes to court. A measure of our expertise is our membership of the Law Society Children Panel.

ascent - caring for children, being a guardian and adoption

If you care for children but are not their parent, we can advise as to how your role can be cemented. This can include acquiring parental responsibility by being a special guardian or adoption.

ascent - family law specialists

Our specialist lawyers will sensitively explain the responsibilities and legal and financial aspects of looking after children. They will also advise as to whether Legal Aid can contribute to your costs.

To make an appointment, please contact our Family Law Service:

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(*) references to child can also mean children.

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