



Private Clients

Our experienced Private Clients team works with clients including senior managers, family business owners, and their families, in Australia and overseas, advising on how to protect and manage their wealth and plan for the future.

Working closely and collaboratively with our clients' accountants, financial planners and other professional advisers, we work towards a common goal – to provide peace of mind now and to reduce disputes, stresses and distractions in the future.

Family and Relationship Law

We recognise the importance of putting plans in place to deal with potential relationship or family breakdown. We help our clients with asset protection, binding financial (including pre-nuptial) agreements, child support trusts, property settlements and international family disputes. One of our main strengths is that, in times of family and relationship breakdown, we work hard to resolve all issues and get results so that our clients can move on with their lives.

Wills and Estates

Our team understands how complex family structures (such as blended families and family businesses) work, and we strive to find the best practical and commercial solutions.

We assist our clients by preparing and reviewing Wills and other family agreements and use testamentary trusts for effective asset protection, financial flexibility and tax effectiveness and to enhance control over assets. We also obtain probate and act on the administration of estates.

We also represent executors, trustees, and beneficiaries in estate disputes and litigation, always seeking the best result, in the shortest time, at a minimum cost.

Areas of expertise

- > Asset protection
- > Binding financial agreements (including pre, during and post marriage/relationship)
- > Child related legal services
- > Collaborative family law
- > Defacto financial settlements
- > Divorce
- > Estate Administration and Litigation
- > Estate/Succession planning
- > Family trusts – establishment, advice, review and interpretation
- > Multi party litigation
- > Philanthropic and Legacy planning
- > Powers of attorney
- > Residential and rural conveyancing
- > Superannuation
- > Testamentary trusts
- > Wills

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