
Getting started ...
your post separation
experience.



Pemberton
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Family Lawyers

We are a boutique Family Law firm that was established in Perth in January 2015 by the founding directors Kathleen Pemberton and Miranda Robertson.

Reputed for our unique and authentic approach, we are focussed on providing a premium and efficient legal service. Our staff have spent many years guiding countless families across Australia and overseas through the many Family Law facets faced after separation of a marriage or de facto relationships.

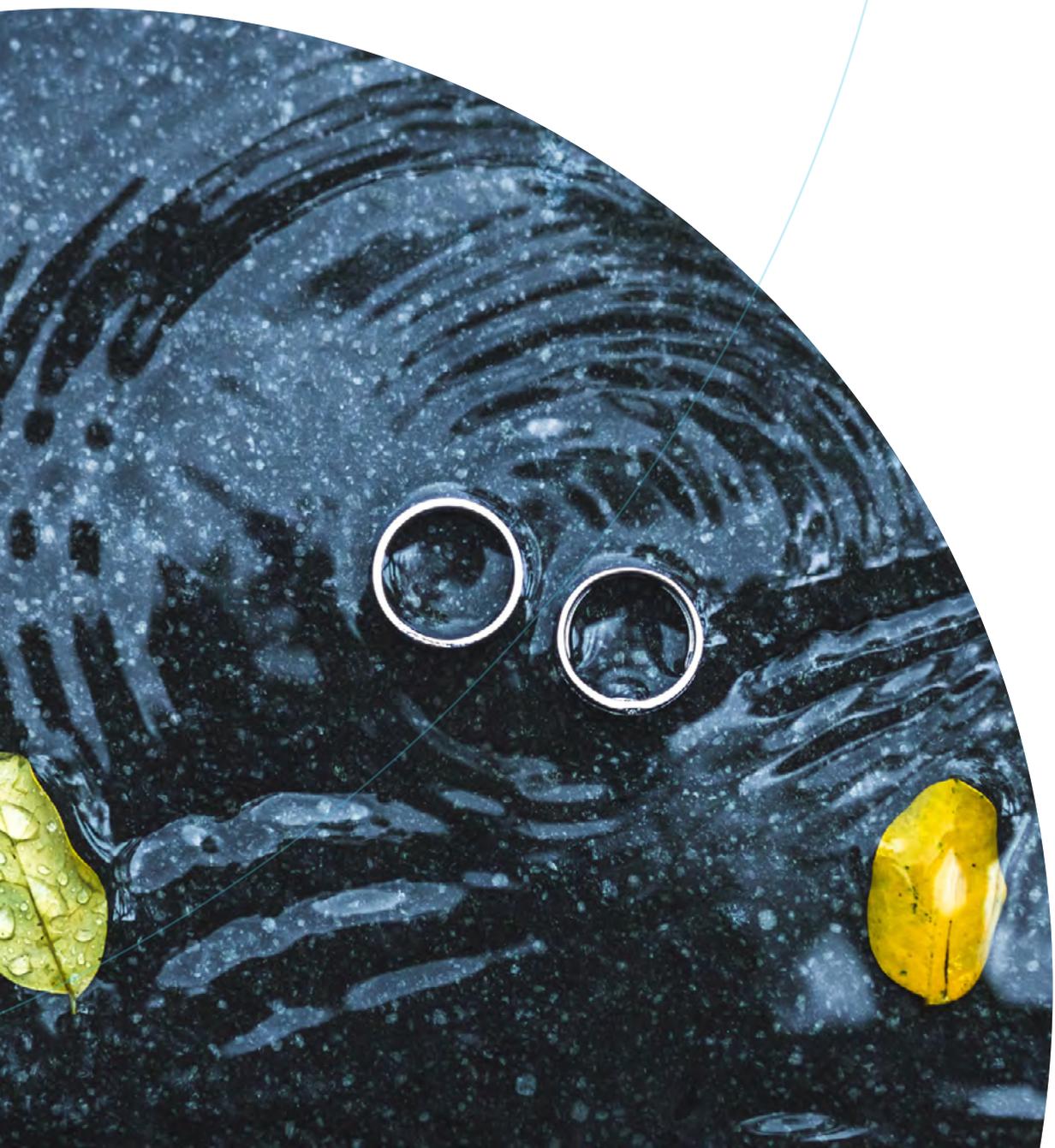
We are honest and upfront about all our costs and will always work to keep your costs as low as possible, without compromising the quality of the legal representation.

Our small team are committed to providing quality legal representation, with an emphasis on resolving disputes without the need for lengthy and costly Court battles wherever possible. If Court proceedings are necessary, then we have many years of litigation experience.

Let us guide you through your challenges. We offer you a snapshot of pathways to agreement, together with some helpful tips to manage the fallout of a separation, which will hopefully keep the tension between you and your former partner at a minimum so that we can get you to a settlement as quickly as possible.



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Pathways to Agreement

- 1 Head off your post separation settlement difficulties by entering into a Financial Agreement (prior to living together/marrying or even after you have commenced cohabitation/married);
- 2 If you and your former partner have reached agreement, we can prepare the Application for Consent Orders to file in the Family Court (no attendance at Court is necessary);
- 3 If you and your former partner have not reached agreement, we can negotiate on your behalf, including representing you at mediation;
- 4 If all efforts to settle by negotiation and/or mediation are unsuccessful, we can represent you in the Family Court of Western Australia.

Post Separation Do's

There are many small steps that you can take to make separation easier on you and your family. Here are some handy hints to help you keep things as friendly as possible.

DO:

- Seek professional advice to make sure things are done properly;
- Prioritise your children's happiness and best interests above all else;
- Only say nice things about your former partner to the children;
- Remember your former partner is still your children's parent. Any new partner that you have is not;
- Walk away if a conversation is turning into an argument;
- Behave respectfully and politely to your former partner (and their family and friends);
- Always comply with court orders;
- Pay your child support on time, every time;
- Keep written records of important matters;
- Build a team of supporters like a family lawyer, GP and psychologist, as well as your trusted friends;
- Seek out separation and parenting courses to help you understand your children, former partner, and your feelings.





Post Separation Do-Not's

DO NOT:

- Let your children hear any nasty words about your former partner or their family;
- Discuss the practicalities of separation with the children;
- Talk about your former partner and their associates on social media;
- Allow anyone to contact your former spouse in a disrespectful or unhelpful way;
- Try to control your former spouse's behaviour;
- Breach any family violence restraining order under any circumstances;
- Do not take illicit drugs and drink alcohol to excess while your children are with you;
- Leave behind your personal property when you leave the home. Make a list of what you have taken;
- Take money from joint accounts without advice;
- Introduce your new partner to the children without your former partner being aware of it;
- Allow your new partner to communicate with your former partner on your behalf unless it is agreed that they can do so;
- Sign any document without first seeking legal advice; and
- Take advice from well-meaning friends about family law and the Family Court.

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“Amazing team at Pemberton Robertson Family Lawyers, always going above and beyond for their clients with honest and reliable advice. You can have confidence in your matter and faith in their care and representation.”

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“I have used Pemberton Robertson Family Lawyers on two occasions. Both times I have counted myself extremely fortunate in having used them. Not only are they very professional and helpful, they are very understanding with my problems at the time. I would highly recommend their services to anyone in need of a family lawyer.”



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