

This leaflet describes our expertise in family law but Hatten Wyatt also provides a full range of legal services for private clients and businesses in Gravesend and throughout Kent and south east London.

When you need legal advice, talk to us as soon as you can. A solicitor's experience and expertise can often resolve a difficult situation before it has more permanent effects on you, your family or business. This is a summary of some matters we can help you with:

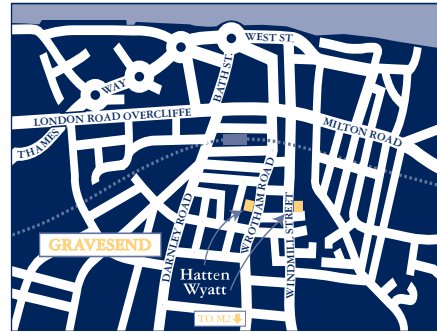
- Licensing applications
- Private disputes
- Personal injury
- Crime/advice at Police station/representation in court
- Actions against the Police
- Employment problems (for employees and employers)
- Buying/selling your home
- Wills, tax planning and services for older clients
- Probate
- Contesting a Will
- Commercial property transactions
- Business services
- Immigration

We are committed to provide high quality advice and service to all our clients regardless of the nature or value of the matter. Your work will be supervised by one solicitor, with access to the combined knowledge of the firm, who will keep you informed about the progress of your case, explain the legal procedures and answer your questions and take into account the longer term implications as well as the immediate benefits of our advice.



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*Family Law  
Divorce and Separation*





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Our family law solicitors will tell you where you stand legally, provide practical advice and approach this most sensitive of subjects in a sympathetic and non-judgmental way. We advise on all issues that arise from the breakdown of relationships, including property (the matrimonial home and business property), financial issues (pensions and investments) and what is best for your children.

Whilst it may be difficult to accept that seeing a solicitor is the only course open to you, we believe that the sooner you talk to us, the more help we can be. We can take immediate action to prevent violence against you and your children (verbal and physical) and the misuse or abuse of your assets, as well as explaining the legal options available to you. We will do whatever is necessary to protect your situation and your children's future well-being.

We will always look for a negotiated settlement. The legal process can often add to the stress but our skilled family solicitors always try to minimise disagreement and encourage a working relationship between the partners for their own benefit and that of their children. If mediation is judged to be a realistic alternative, we will advise and support you throughout the process.

## *Divorce/separation*

- married/co-habiting couples
- same sex relationships

## *Financial and property arrangements*

- your family home
- sharing pensions rights
- family/business assets
- maintenance agreement
- enforcing your rights

## *Mediation*

- advising on suitability of mediation
- advice/support during mediation

## *Domestic violence*

- immediate advice/finding a place of safety
- injunctions/Family Law Act matters
- arrest and enforcement

## *Children*

- contact and residence arrangements
- maintenance and CSA
- change of name/adoption
- preventing/dealing with abduction
- care orders/dealing with Police and Social Services

**Coming to see us:** Our office is open from 9am to 5.30pm from Monday to Friday. Please telephone or call in to make an appointment. This means you will not have to wait more than a few minutes and we will have your files ready or, if you are a new client, make sure you see the appropriate solicitor. We have ground floor meeting rooms (please tell us when you make your appointment if you prefer one of these rooms).

**Coming to see you:** If your family situation makes it impossible for you to visit our office, we can meet you at your home or wherever you feel most comfortable.

**Your appointment:** We are happy to make appointments outside our normal office hours. When you contact us, just tell us what time suits you best.

**Fees:** We will explain how we calculate our fees and what the total cost is likely to be. If you have any questions, please ask. The first interview is generally free and we will tell you if you qualify for Public Funding (formerly legal aid). We hold a franchise in family law from the Legal Services Commission. This means our service meets their high standards in client care and practice management.

**Languages:** In addition to English, members of staff can also speak French, Urdu, Gujarati and Punjabi. Please tell us if you would prefer to discuss your matter in a language other than English.

**Your suggestions:** We take pride in providing a high quality service to our clients but if, as our client, you think we can improve our service, please tell us how so we can do better next time you need us.