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and Family Law



Our team of specialist Muslim lawyers with experience of Sharia law in the context of marriage and divorce understand the importance of your faith and culture. They speak your language to ensure that you get a service that fulfills the requirements of both your faith and English law.

What Islamic family law services do we offer?

Divorce is never easy. It is a complicated and emotional process, especially when children are involved. Our Islamic law solicitors are specialists in representing and assisting Muslims seeking a divorce from their spouse.

As with English law, both spouses are entitled to obtain an Islamic divorce, and we are instructed by both men (Talaq) and women (Khula) who want a divorce. We have male and female lawyers on the Islamic law team.

Our lawyers work closely with Muslim counsellors, religious scholars and Sharia Councils to ensure you have a Sharia-compliant divorce.

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Our team can assist you to make a choice with our advice and recommendations. ⁷⁹

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Nikah Nama – Islamic marriage contract

If you require an Islamic marriage contract (Nikah Nama), our team can advise and draft a tailor-made contract for you both. We do recommend that you get in touch with us at least three months before your prescribed wedding date.

Mahr – marriage gift

If you need assistance in deciding the Mahr that should be given by the groom upon marriage, we can help. (This would mean due consideration of the groom's financial situation.) The team also offers guidance and negotiation at the time of payment of the Mahr and if it should be referred to as security payable in the event of divorce.

Islamic marriage guidance and mediation

If you are looking for counselling and mediation to help you with any difficulties in your marriage, we work with a specialist, highly confidential Muslim counsellor. We can also refer to religious scholars who can help you through mediation.

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TALAQ (male-initiated divorce)

We can assist with negotiation in respect of the Sharia divorce process for men and liaise with Sharia Councils nationwide, as appropriate.

KHULA and FASKH (female-initiated divorce)

We can assist women to initiate the Sharia divorce process through Sharia Councils nationwide, as appropriate.

IDDAT (waiting) PERIOD

We can offer women advice on the waiting period before the Islamic divorce can be concluded.

Annulment of a marriage

There can be instances when it is sensible to annul the marriage under the Islamic and civil law, for example in the case of a forced marriage. Our team can guide and assist our clients throughout this process. Islamic Divorce and Family Law

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We can assist females to initiate the Sharia divorce process through Sharia Councils nationwide, as appropriate. ⁹⁹



Sharia divorce services

If you are struggling to identify which Sharia Council should be instructed to help with your case, our team can assist you to make a choice with our advice and recommendations.

Our team of Islamic divorce experts are:

- Specialist Muslim lawyers with experience of Sharia law in the context of marriage and divorce
- Affiliated with Sharia councils, as well as other professionals like religious scholars and Muslim counsellors.
- Urdu and Punjabi speaking
- Sensitive to the cultural and religious difficulties that face clients who are having to deal with civil divorces and Islamic divorces

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