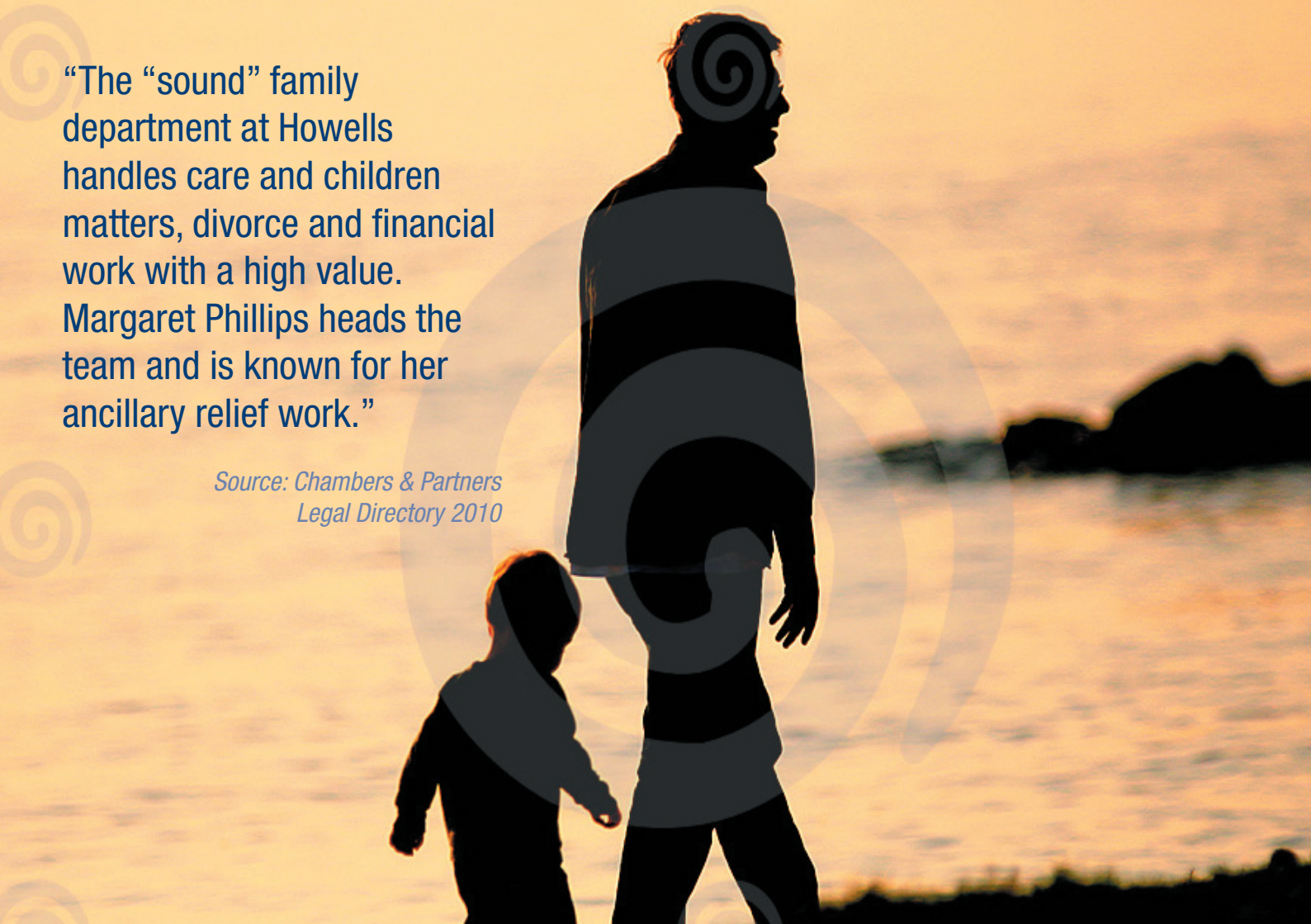




An Introduction to Family Law Services
for Police Officers and Staff

A silhouette of a man and a child walking on a beach at sunset. The man is on the right, taller, and the child is on the left, smaller. They are walking away from the camera towards the right. The background is a bright, golden sunset over the ocean with some rocks visible in the distance. There are faint, large, stylized circular patterns overlaid on the image.

“The “sound” family department at Howells handles care and children matters, divorce and financial work with a high value. Margaret Phillips heads the team and is known for her ancillary relief work.”

*Source: Chambers & Partners
Legal Directory 2010*

Family Law Services

OUR SERVICES

Expertise on your doorstep

Our dedicated Family Law Team works across the Firm's offices in Cardiff, Caerphilly, Talbot Green, Swansea and Newport. Our network of offices allows us to offer our services to clients throughout South, East and West Wales.

Our services include:

- General advice on divorce & separation
- International aspects of marriage including overseas assets
- Financial settlements (including pensions)
- Contact & parental responsibility
- Residence
- Dealing with Child Abduction
- Adoption
- Prenuptial agreements
- Separation agreements
- Cohabitation contracts
- Breakdown of Civil Partnership or cohabitee relationship

The team is comprised of experienced and sympathetic Family Lawyers, supported by legal assistants and secretarial staff.

All of our solicitors are members of the Law Society's Family Panel or members of the solicitors' organisation, Resolution, a body that promotes a non-confrontational approach in a family breakdown.

Admission to Resolution can only be achieved through the recommendation of our fellow solicitors.

We recognise the importance of balancing strong representation with a conciliatory approach and that when dealing with a family breakdown, the interests of our clients and their children are paramount.

We also recognise that in most police divorce cases, financial security, particularly the preservation of pensions will be one of many important considerations a police officer will need to take into account.

We are ideally placed to offer a convenient, cost-effective and local service to the officers, support staff and families of Police Forces across Wales.

OUR FEES

[Fixed Fee Divorce](#) (Uncontested)

We are able to offer police officers and support staff a specially discounted fixed fee of £350 + VAT + disbursements for a standard, uncontested divorce and specially discounted rates for ancillary matters.

We are happy to discuss your preferred payment options and offer a budget plan or payment via standing order. Invoices are sent on a quarterly basis.

Our Team

Margaret Phillips

*Partner & Head of Family Law
Qualified 1979*

Margaret Phillips is a graduate of the University of Wales and is a highly regarded partner with over thirty years' experience of Matrimonial & Family Law.

As Head of the Firm's Family Law Department, handles high value and complex matters, including issues involving trusts and pension related matters.

Margaret has been recognised by Chambers & Partners Legal Directory and also the Legal 500 publication for a number of years as a leader in her field.

Margaret has been Secretary of Women in Law for twenty years and also sits on the Council of Cardiff Law Society.

Jayne Hunt

Partner - Qualified 1980

Partner Jayne Hunt has over 25 Years' experience of Matrimonial and Family Law, including Public Law proceedings. Jayne is a member of the Law Society's Family Law Panel and the Legal Service Commission Review Committee.

Jayne is based at our Caerphilly Branch.

Gill Wells

Solicitor - Qualified 1989

Since joining Howells in 2002, Gill has built up a busy practice in the Talbot Green Branch. Gill deals with all aspects of Family Law. Her main areas of work are divorce, financial issues, cohabitants' property disputes, residence and contact cases.

Helen Perkins

Solicitor - Qualified 2004

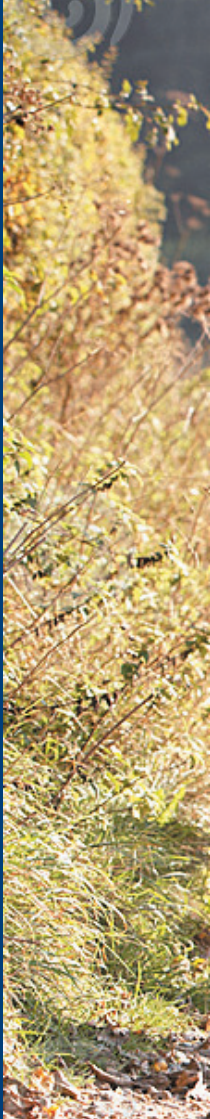
Helen has worked exclusively in the field of Family Law undertaking all aspects of family work, to include Divorce, Ancillary Relief, Cohabitation, Injunctions and Children (Private and Public Law) and child contact issues. These include negotiation of contact agreements between parties and dealing with contact and residence disputes through the courts. She is also on the Law Society Family Law Panel.

Hannah Magee

Solicitor - Qualified 2006

Solicitor Hannah Magee specialises in all aspects of Matrimonial & Family Law. Hannah first became a member of the Family Law Department in the Firm's Talbot Green Branch, having completed her training contract with the Firm in March 2006. Hannah deals with all aspects of Family Law including divorce, matrimonial finances, cohabitation disputes, residence and contact issues.

Hannah is based at our Head Office in Cardiff





Benefits For Police Federation Members

Free Initial Half Hour Interview

Clients have the opportunity to discuss their circumstances in a free initial confidential half hour interview to take place either during a surgery (see below) or at the nearest Howells branch.

Legal Helpline

There are occasions when general guidance on matrimonial and family related matters will be required and our experience shows that this can often be given quite effectively by telephone. There may also be occasions when you need instant advice and guidance. We provide our clients with a legal telephone helpline number to give them access to such advice quickly and efficiently at the times when they need it most.

Regular Advice Surgeries

We understand that Wales is a wide geographic area and it can be difficult or inconvenient to travel long distances to talk to a solicitor.

We will be holding regular surgeries where you can talk in confidence to an experienced matrimonial lawyer at a location convenient to you. During these surgeries, we will also be giving short presentations on Matrimonial and Family Law related topics pertinent to officers and their families.

Our services include:

- “Weatherproofing Your Assets” - A Guide to Cohabitation
- The Civil Partnership Act - Overview and Implications
- Inheritance Tax Planning
- Domestic Violence & Injunctions
- Contact & Residence Orders
- Parental Responsibility

Discounted Private Client Services

Howells will also provide police officers and support staff with a 10% discount on our other services

- Conveyancing
- Commercial Property
- Litigation
- Wills, Probate and Asset Management
- Personal Injury

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