



Family Law

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Turcan Connell is a law firm focusing exclusively on private clients and charities.

Turcan Connell brings together a combination of skills and expertise unique in Scotland. These cover asset protection, land and property, succession, taxation, family law, investment management*, personal finance and pensions*, trusts and charities.

Family law is an essential part of our advice to private clients. The increasingly high incidence in the breakdown of marriages and other personal relationships is a feature of our society. At the same time, the law in this field has become increasingly complex because of a wide range of new legislative measures.

Our family law team is headed by Alasdair Loudon, who has more than 20 years' experience in the field of family law. Turcan Connell's experienced family law team is dedicated to the provision of specialist advice on all aspects of family law. These skills are complemented by the professional expertise of other Turcan Connell specialists including our retirement planning advisers who provide advice on the pension-related aspects of family law, our personal finance advisers and our tax specialists who provide input on the taxation aspects of separation and divorce.

There is particular emphasis on the negotiation of financial settlements and the resultant re-arrangements which are required in the financial affairs of our clients. Particularly important are the allocation and division of pension rights. We also deal with child-related issues and, where necessary, the obtaining of protective orders.

As people move around the country and internationally, it becomes increasingly common for a separating couple to take up residence in different jurisdictions and we can provide cross-border advice in such situations, both in relation to financial and child-related issues.

Pre-marital contracts, although unusual in the past, are now becoming socially acceptable in Scotland and we provide expertise in negotiating such contracts.

The ethos of the family law team is that, wherever possible, family disputes should be resolved without resort to litigation. However, where necessary, we conduct cases in both the Court of Session and the Sheriff Court, employing Counsel of the highest quality to assist us in those cases which we consider justify the instruction of an Advocate.

Turcan Connell believes that the satisfactory resolution of a client's financial and other affairs is an essential part of assisting the client to cope with and overcome the trauma of separation and divorce.

Turcan Connell's family law team is recognised by Chambers and Partners Guide to the Legal Profession as one of the top three family law firms in Scotland. Alasdair Loudon has been named as one of the top three leading individuals in the field. He is described by Chambers and Partners as "an incisive, considered practitioner of many years standing".

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