

Family Law

At Harper Grey, our family lawyers focus on providing solutions that deliver effective results in an economically beneficial manner, and on ensuring that you have the right information to make a well-informed choice. In presenting your options, we explore fully the potential outcome of each, ranging from how it will affect your financial situation twenty years from now to your relationship with your children, for example.

We believe that solutions are more effective, functional, and rewarding when they are chosen by you, rather than chosen by your lawyer.

Our work ranges from matrimonial disputes involving complex tax planning, trust arrangements and claims against business interests, to representing our clients in mediations, and facilitating discussions and assisting you in resolving disputes cooperatively. We also provide support to individuals who wish to represent their own interests. And should the need arise, we have the benefit of many years of experience acting for clients in litigation.

Our lawyers provide a high level of personal service and availability for our clients, recognizing that timely access and frank discussions with your lawyer are an integral part of moving forward with your life.

Our Areas of Focus

- Marriage agreements
- Cohabitation agreements
- Separation agreements
- Divorce orders
- Wealth preservation, including business valuation issues
- Mediation
- Collaborative law
- Child custody and access
- Litigation related to division of assets

Current Issues for our Clients

Recent changes include the introduction of Spousal Support Advisory Guidelines. These guidelines are not law and are designed to be advisory only, with the goal of bringing

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more predictability to determining spousal support under the *Act*.

As of May 1, 2006, new Child Support Guidelines came into effect, and will increase payment amounts for BC Child Support payments.

Representative Experience

Our significant cases include:

- Assisting a businessman with a considerable portfolio of commercial properties to successfully retain control and ownership of those properties.
- Acting as mediators, assisting a couple to swiftly and at minimum cost clarify and document agreements reached and negotiate a resolution to outstanding issues, which was quickly approved by their independent legal counsel. The parties were able to maintain their privacy and their amicable relationship for the benefit of their children.

For more significant cases, please read the profiles of lawyers in this group.

Contact Person

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