

# Barbara Richardson

Senior Associate Solicitor – Family Law



## Barbara heads our Divorce and Finance Team.

### Expertise

She is a specialist family lawyer, accredited by Resolution in the areas of Complex Financial Property and Pensions on Divorce. Barbara qualified as a solicitor in 1995, initially working in Carlisle and moved to work in Lancaster in 1997 where she developed her expertise in family law. She became a member of the Law Society's Family Law Accreditation Scheme when it began in 1999 and remains an accredited member. From 2005 she led a successful family law team in Kendal for 12 years.

Barbara is committed to addressing the resolution of issues on divorce and separation with a constructive approach. She is also experienced in representing clients at round table meetings, helping separated couples reach agreed solutions and better outcomes.

### Recent Work

Barbara represented a husband who had a number of pensions with significant value and sought advice about how pensions would be dealt with on divorce. The family home had been sold and the proceeds divided equally several years earlier. His goal was to obtain a final financial order so that he could plan for his and his children's future.

Barbara obtained the required pension information and advised on pension sharing. His wife issued court proceedings which gave them both a timetable for the resolution of financial issues. By agreement a pension expert prepared an actuarial report and the cost of the report was shared equally.

Barbara ensured that progress was made to resolve the issues, the court timetable was complied with and there was an effective Financial Dispute Resolution Hearing at which an agreed final order was made. The order provided for both spouse's needs and achieved a financial clean break after several years of financial uncertainty.



To Barbara and her whole team. Writing to thank you all. You are amazing.

Dear Barbara and team. I just want to send you a huge thank you for all your hard work. I will be forever grateful; you have made me smile again.



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