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WHO WE ARE

Based in Cape Town MP|W, is one of South Africa's most innovative specialist providers of family law solutions.

We pride ourselves in providing exceptional legal advice on a full range of family law services and we offer a wealth of experience to ensure a compassionate, straight forward no nonsense approach to Family Law.

Our lawyers are sensitive to the very difficult psychological challenges people face during divorce and separation. Our personalized approach allows our clients to deal with divorce using a number of creative approaches.

We have an understanding of the psychology of families and the impact of family breakdown and what happens when couples separate. We believe in the supreme importance of trust, mutual respect, and good communication between our clients and us to have a successful working relationship and a positive legal outcome.

WHAT WE DO

- Contested / Opposed Divorces.
- Uncontested / Unopposed Divorces.
- International Divorces Cases and Expert Opinions.
- Divorce Mediation and Collaborative Divorce.
- General Family Law Matters.
- Parental Responsibilities and Rights.
- Custody (care and contact) of Children.
- Same Sex Marriages - Gay and Lesbian .
- Unmarried Fathers Rights and Access to Children.
- Domestic Violence Matters and Protection Orders.
- International Child Abduction (Hague Convention Applications).
- Care and Contact disputes concerning Children.
- Child and Spousal Maintenance Law.
- Antenuptial Contracts and Pre-nuptial Agreements.
- Surrogacy Applications and Adoption Law.
- Cohabitation Agreements.
- Universal Partnerships.
- Rule 43 Applications and Urgent Monetary Relief Applications.

Our Team



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Bertus Preller is also an experienced Family Law and Divorce attorney and mediator. He is the author of *Everyone's Guide To Divorce and Separation*, published by Random House (2013). He has been quoted on Family Law issues in various newspapers such as the Sunday Times and Business Times and magazines such as Noseweek, Keur, Living and Loving, Longevity, You and Huisgenoot, and also appears frequently on the SABC television show 3 Talk. He also appeared on the Morning Live Show of SABC2, on RSG and the 5FM Breakfast Show with Gareth Cliff.

His speciality fields are:

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Catherine Cox studied at the University of South Africa and obtained an LLB Law Degree and a Diploma of Paralegal studies at the The South African School of Paralegal Studies College. Her legal career started when she was appointed as a Litigation Secretary at Van Der Spuy and Partners a law firm in Cape Town. She later became a Candidate Attorney at Van Der Spuy and was admitted as an Attorney in the High Court in 2015.

Catherine specialises in wide range of Family Law issues.

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Jesse Kriel studied at the University of Stellenbosch where she obtained her Bachelor of Laws (LLB) and Bachelor of Arts (BA) with a focus on Humanities. Jesse was admitted as an attorney in 2020 and in the same year she was appointed as an Associate at Maurice Phillips and Wisenberg. The combination of humanity and law studies provided her with a unique perception and approach to legal problems which assisted her to improve her research and analytical abilities.

Her areas of expertise are:

- Divorce Law and Family Law
- Parenting Plans, Custody (care and contact) of children)
- Parental Responsibilities and Rights
- Same Sex Marriages
- Unmarried Fathers Rights
- Family Violence Interdicts
- International Child Abduction and Hague Convention Cases
- International Divorce Law
- Collaborative Family Law
- Maintenance and Rule 43 Applications
- Cohabitation Law and Universal Partnerships



Janine Isaacs is an experienced PA and Paralegal. Her fields of expertise include:

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