



# BennettCarrollSolicitors

HANDS-ON, UP-FRONT, PROBLEM-SOLVERS



## Bennett Carroll Family Law Services

### Why should you see a lawyer?

Many people make decisions about their children, property and child support when they separate, and they do this without the benefit of knowledgeable legal advice. Many of these decisions can cause great harm, are very expensive and almost impossible to fix. Often if decisions are made with the benefit of expert legal advice in the first place, these disasters can be avoided. We provide that expert advice.

### Who are the members of our family law team?

- Warren Tegg
- Kate Murphy
- Joanne Bennett
- Carol Jenkins
- our support staff, including Natalie, Jennifer and Melita

### Why is our family law team different?

***Our motto says it all: hands-on, up-front, problem-solvers.***

We deliver. We survey existing clients and our referral sources to ensure that we meet our clients' expectations. We are accessible. We keep files moving. We keep our clients informed. We have a practical approach. We listen to our clients. Our team is committed to quality outcomes at reasonable prices.

When people separate, everyone is emotional and distressed, and this affects their ability to put children's interests first. It also affects their ability to process and access information, and to make good decisions.

***In the case of Minton v Minton [1979] AC 593, the court said:***

*"The law now encourages spouses to avoid bitterness after family break-down and to settle their money and property problems. An object of the modern law is to encourage each to put the past behind them and to begin a new life which is not overshadowed by the relationship which has broken down."*

We agree whole heartedly with this philosophy. Going to court can be hugely expensive. To us, going there is a last resort. Whilst we cannot control the other party or their lawyer, we help our clients focus on what is important to them including cost issues.

***We are committed to ensuring our first priority is the safety of our clients and their children.***

To most clients who have been through the fear and life altering changes of domestic violence and sexual abuse, safety is their utmost concern.

***We believe in safety first, safety always!***





***We are committed to working closely with other professionals***

Counsellors, mediators, doctors, and accountants to assist clients and their children.

***We are committed to continually improving our services and giving our clients value for money.***

This includes the use of the internet to inform our clients of legal changes and to keep in touch with them.

***We are committed to equality before the law***

Regardless of our clients' gender, sexuality or beliefs.

***We are committed to helping people through the legal minefield in the most cost effective manner.***

Court costs can be hugely expensive. Property settlement fights are ultimately about money. We help people focus on the real costs involved.

***We are committed to explaining the law to our clients in plain English.***

We publish an extensive range of family law brochures (available free on request) including our website brochures.

***We are committed to a child centred approach.***

Warren and Paul have children themselves and want to make sure that children come first. Childrens' safety is paramount.

***We are committed to fighting for our clients.***

Whilst we try and settle disputes even after they have started, people need lawyers who will not be intimidated by the other side and will do what they can within ethical and monetary constraints to fight for them.

***We are committed to helping our clients stand on their own two feet.***

We want our clients to have the ability to make their own decisions and to get their lives back on track.

***We are committed to improving our technical expertise.***

We attend family law conferences and seminars and have a monthly training program. We also belong to professional associations. We know the current legal and social trends. Warren is one of only four people practicing on Brisbane's Southside who has completed the level 3 Relationships Australia Family Mediation Certificate. We know our Family Law.

***We are committed to alternatives to going to court.***

Warren is a Queensland Law Society approved mediator, and where possible will try to resolve issues openly without serious action.



## BENNETT CARROLL

Established in April, 1974, Bennett Carroll is well known as one of the largest law firms outside of the Brisbane CBD. Our well-balanced practice has over 30 years' experience in many areas of specialty including Commercial Law, Conveyancing, Family Law, Estates, Planning and Environment Law, Litigation and Personal Injury. We dedicate ourselves to quality work in these diverse areas and make a point of being accessible to our clients.

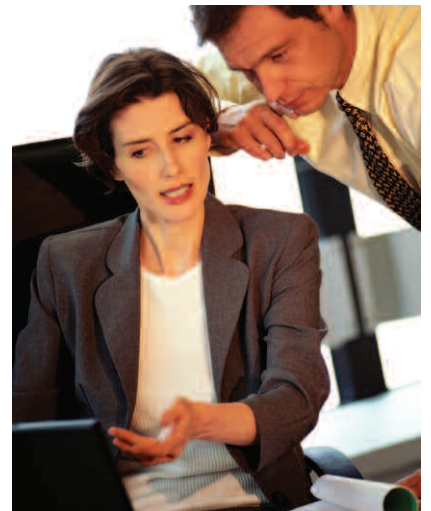
As the preferred solicitors for several National and International companies, we represent well known financiers and developers and hold a reputation for reliability that we intend to keep. Bennett Carroll prides itself on being prompt, accessible, and dealing with you in a language that you can understand; demystifying the law.

Bennett Carroll is in the process of expansion with continued focus on hands-on, up-front problem-solving.

We have offices at Upper Mt Gravatt, Stafford and Kawana.

We pride ourselves in being the market leaders in state-of-the-art technology combined with old-fashioned client service.

***The solicitors in our family law section are Warren Tegg, Kate Murphy and Joanne Bennett***



### Warren Tegg

Warren was admitted to practice as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland and the High Court of Australia in 1979. He ran his own legal practice specialising in Family Law and Business Advice from 1980 until 2001 before merging with Bennett Carroll. Warren has been helping people with their Family Law problems since the inception of the Family Law Act in 1976.

Warren is Department Head with the Family Law division of Bennett Carroll. He brings to the department a wealth of experience that includes some five years running his own call centre for people with Family Law problems, as well as acting as a sessional mediator with Relationships Australia Queensland from 1989 to 1994. He is also the General Manager of the Master Guidance Company, which is a counselling service owned by Bennett Carroll.

Warren has served on a number of Queensland Law Society committees during his career and is currently a member the Small Practice Management division where he has been called upon to speak at State conferences on legal practice.



## Kate Murphy

Originally from Northern NSW, Kate studied at Queensland University of Technology graduating in 2005 with a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Business. She has a strong interest in Family Law, which extends to international law relating to marriage and children.

Kate was admitted to the Supreme Court of Queensland in 2006 and the High Court of Australia in 2007. Kate has over 4 years extensive experience in Family Law, as well as engaging in Criminal and Commercial Law. Kate has also had the benefit of being trained with Pauline Tesler, with a strong focus on negotiation.

Kate is a member of the Queensland young lawyers association.

## Joanne Bennett

Joanne graduated from Deakin University before completing her Professional Legal Training at Bond University in 2003 and was admitted in December that year.

Joanne is an experienced family lawyer and can offer professional assistance and guidance in all types of family law matters including those involving children and financial issues, de facto relationships, pre-nuptials and parental orders.

Joanne also has extensive Commercial Law experience in vital areas such as property, company structures, franchise agreements, joint venture agreements and leases.

***Family law is a very complex and emotional area of law; it will involve your whole family. This is why when things go wrong, you need an experienced team of friendly lawyers who are compassionate professionals with real life experience who understand your problems.***



## We can assist you with

- Commercial Law
- Business Advice
- Planning and Environment
- Conveyancing
- Litigation
- Family Law Matters
- Injury and Accident Claims
- Criminal Law
- Wills and Powers of Attorney
- Estate Planning

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