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## SEPARATION & DIVORCE

### What should your priorities be?

We believe that in your separation or divorce, particularly if you are a professional or business person, your priorities should be to:

1. **Protect your wealth and future financial security** and secure a favourable division of assets and superannuation (consistent with a Court based outcome) after separation, or negotiate a pre/post-nuptial or de facto financial agreement at the outset of your relationship, or before separation;
2. **Minimise** the impact of your separation on your children and their education, and genuinely endeavour to negotiate an appropriate parenting arrangement (dependent on your circumstances);
3. **Shield your professional reputation** from the potential adverse impacts of your separation or divorce by setting the tone of negotiations and prioritising what is important to you, and to the future of your family.

When selecting a family lawyer to advise you and represent you in formalising your property settlement, divorce and/or parenting arrangements, you should ensure that:

**Confidence:** You have confidence, in your family lawyer's specialist knowledge and experience in providing family law services, and their ethics, reputation and standing in the legal profession;

**Empowers, rather than Dictates:** Your family lawyer is relatable and appreciates that you may prefer to implement the strategic advice discussed, allowing you to contain your legal costs; and

**Involvement:** The Partner or Principal family lawyer handling your matter has the energy, drive and commitment to tailor a strong negotiation, and if required, litigation strategy for you, and to remain intimately involved in the day to day conduct of your matter and the implementation of that strategy, your matter should not be left solely in the hands of a junior family lawyer.

Justine Clark, Principal Family Lawyer invites you to invest in a **1 hour Zoom Strategy Meeting** regarding your family law matter - email [jclark@tlfc.com.au](mailto:jclark@tlfc.com.au) for more information.