



## Do we really need a lawyer?

**M**ost people, in fact, about 95% of people who separate, are able to reach an agreement about the division of their property and the arrangements for their children without needing a lawyer. This is great. It is always much better for you, and especially your children, if you maintain control over the outcomes rather than relinquishing that responsibility to a judge or being involved in protracted legal proceedings.

That said, formalising your agreement in relation to any property settlement is imperative.

You need to be aware that if you don't enter into Consent Orders or a Financial Agreement, (both of which formalise the agreement you've reached) your ex can make an Application for a split of the assets down the track, even if you've given effect to the agreement reached and divided everything up between you at that time.

So, while most people want to avoid lawyers (understandably) make sure you take some legal advice not only to ensure that the outcome is fair but that it will stick going forward.



### FREE 10 MINUTE CONSULTATION

For a **FREE** confidential 10 minute phone consultation, call **Managing Director, Fiona Reid.**

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