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Your Legal Services from JMW Solicitors LLP

JMW Solicitors LLP is a trusted, full service law firm. We can offer a broad spectrum of legal services to you and your family.

Here at JMW we recognise that when people need to approach a lawyer it can often be a daunting experience. We have approachable, experienced lawyers who are waiting to assist you and guide you through matters using clear and simple terms.

We are here to help for the ordinary issues as well as the extra-ordinary so whether you are moving house, are injured in an accident or just want to make a will – we can guide you through the process.

We are 'full service' at JMW which means we should be able to help no matter what your query is so if you would like a no obligation conversation with one of our lawyers call us on the dedicated PSA helpline on **0161 838 2862** or email us at **Psaemployeebenefits@jmw.co.uk**.

Police Law

JMW have a unique relationship with the PSA with Partner Ian Lewis having provided advice for over 30 years and the Family and Private Client teams supporting Ian since he joined JMW in 2016.

We are therefore fully appraised of the particular issues applying only to serving/retired Police Officers of Superintendent rank.

The team's main speciality is in Police Law with particular emphasis on Misconduct proceedings, Inquests and Inquiries. Ian and the team have been involved in all the cases that have shaped policing and regulatory governance including the Hillsborough Inquests and prosecutions, Stephen Lawrence, Marchiness, Victoria Climbié, Deepcut, Diana, Princess of Wales and Dodi Al-Fayed and Operations Midland and Lancet.

Services for You

- Clinical Negligence
- Court of Protection
- Criminal Law
- Employment Law
- Family Law
- Media Law
- Motoring Offences
- Personal Injury
- Real Estate Residential
- Wills, Trusts & Probate

Services for Business

- Business Crime & Regulation
- Commercial Litigation
- Corporate & Commercial
- Corporate Immigration
- Employment Law
- Intellectual Property
- Real Estate Commercial
- Real Estate Finance
- Restructuring & Insolvency
- Sports Law

PSA employees will receive 15 minutes free legal advice on any legal matter by telephone. In addition JMW offers PSA employees a 10% discount from our normal fees in all legal matters, please see services above.

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Wills, Tax and Estate Planning

JMW's Private Client team has wide ranging expertise in Wills, estate administration inheritance tax mitigation and estate planning matters, acting regularly for police officers and other professionals. We can assist in making sure that you have taken all the necessary measures during your lifetime to put your affairs in order so that your family are provided for on your death, minimising the likely inheritance liability which will fall due on death.

Some of the key areas that we can help you with include:

- **The preparation of Wills**
- **Putting Lasting Powers of Attorney in place**
- **Lifetime inheritance tax planning**
- **Advising on probate and assisting on the administration of estates**
- **Establishment, administration and taxation of trusts**
- **Establishment and administration of charities**

It is never too early to start planning for the future and a Will is a crucial first step. Failure to put a Will in place would mean that your estate passes by the laws of intestacy which may not reflect your wishes and can give rise to significant inheritance tax issues. This is particularly important for those with an unmarried partner, or for those with significant assets, as "common law spouses" will not inherit unless your Will specifically provides for them. Similarly, a Will is the forum for you to set out how you want any children or other beneficiaries to be provided for, and this can provide significant protection and flexibility.

We can also provide you with tax advice in respect of your estate in order to ensure that you have utilised all your options both throughout your life and on your death to minimise your inheritance tax liability.

Our aim is to support you and your family to make plans which will protect you and your assets in life and after your death: please do feel free to get in touch, so that our team of experts can assist you.

Our Private Client team will provide you with a free half hour consultation on all Wills, Tax and Estate Planning matters. To take advantage of this offer please contact **Joe Cobb**.



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Family Law

JMW's Family team has a wealth of experience in providing specialist family law advice to serving police officers. We understand the unique issues that arise in cases involving police officers of all levels.

We advise and assist in issues arising from a relationship breakdown whether this be marriage, civil partnership or unmarried cohabitation dispute. We understand the complexities involved in dealing with police pensions and particularly the different nuances and timings of requesting pension valuations. In our experience police pensions are often the most valuable asset arising from the marriage and it is therefore extremely important that they are dealt with by experts understanding the complexities.

We regularly deal with children act disputes in which police shift patterns are involved and are able to work round this to ensure successful outcomes for both police officers and their children.

We further provide advice to those police officers who may receive capital from a draw down on pension and seek to use this to assist their son/daughter in purchasing property. We have a wealth of experience dealing with these second generation divorces and protecting police investments in such circumstances.

Overall and fundamentally not only are we experts at dealing with the unique issues arising in police cases but we also understand the need for realistic, sensible and commercial advice particularly in respect of preserving wealth and the various options available when a significant final salary pension is involved. We can not only assist with the issues upon separation but then work closely with our private client team to plan for the future.

Our Family team will provide you with a free half hour consultation on all family law matters. To take advantage of this offer please contact **Beverley Jones**.



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