

## Family Law Belief Statement

***Our purpose in the matter is to deliver the best possible legal result.***

### **Abstract**

It is important for our clients to know our beliefs and philosophy prior to engaging us and during our engagement that they may choose with confidence their Family Lawyer based on their own beliefs and our beliefs as being compatible. We would like our clients to share our beliefs, and our engagement for you is based on those beliefs. If you do not share these beliefs, you are better represented by another practitioner.

We recognise that whilst our clients' involvement with us may be for a short time, even if for 12 months or more, but that their relationship with their ex-partner and their children (if any) will endure.

We believe in a professional approach in accordance with applicable laws and rules of Court. We believe our relationship with our own family is important too.

We believe that if family law disputes are protracted then lifelong damage may be done to any children of the relationship. We believe family law disputes are not about winners and losers but finding a just solution.

### **Belief Statement**

We believe that in the 21st Century a new way must be found to resolve family law disputes.

We believe that our relationships with others close to us are the most important thing in life. If we have children our priority must be our relationship with our children both now and in the future. Our children do not choose to be born but we must choose to put their interests ahead of all others at all times.

We believe that it is important in resolving any family law dispute, to not attempt to do harm to our former partner, nor actively take any step to make a dispute become intractable.

We believe that there are other ways to show our strength of character than being aggressive.

We believe in alternative dispute resolution including mediation is an integral part of the family law process and not a second or third best option. We believe litigation is a last resort to be embarked upon only after all other methods to resolve a dispute have been exhausted.

We believe disputes have a cost - Legal Fees; Emotional; Time; Damage to your relationship and to your health, which we must always keep in mind.

We believe we will always try and find a just solution to your family law issue. Only a just solution shows respect to all concerned.

***Groom & Lavers' Family Law Team***