



MICHAEL LYNCH FAMILY LAWYERS

Introducing Brisbane's Premier Family Law Firm **Family Law Specialists**

Your First Choice for Professional, Personal and Accurate Family Law Advice.

It's a fact that no two people are alike
and as a result your marriage and family
situation is, by default, unique.

So when you need assistance with family law matters, you want to be sure that you are getting personal, compassionate and meticulous attention, the highest quality service, and the most accurate, up-to-date legal advice possible for your unique situation. After all, family law is certainly no place for a "one size fits all" solution.

When **Michael Lynch Family Lawyers** first opened its doors back in 1996, this intense client service and the desire to offer all our clients the highest levels of professional care was one of our foundational principals and it is one of the keys to our success today.

Over the last 20 years through community awareness programs, radio commentaries, magazine and newspaper articles, seminars, free newsletters and books – as well as through assisting many high-profile "household name" clients – we have established ourselves as the premier Family Law firm in Brisbane.

While we have over 100 years combined experience, we understand that our constant education is crucial to your success. As our client, you can rest in the knowledge that we are up-to-speed with the most recent changes in the law, at all times.

When you want to be treated with dignity, respect and understanding – and not as a statistic – **Michael Lynch Family Lawyers** are the obvious choice to help you through the tough times and out the other side, to a successful outcome.

Family Law issues? Relax ... you're in good hands



"I knew I was in good hands"

"The staff at Michael Lynch Family Lawyers were fantastic – professional, understanding, caring, and always communicated with me. Their communication with me was exceptional, I knew exactly what was happening. I knew I was in good hands."

AA Eatons Hill

"My matter was resolved quickly"

"At Michael Lynch Family Lawyers I got professional and no nonsense advice, costs were within quoted amounts and my matter was resolved quickly – well done."

LR, Ascot

"The most knowledgeable of all lawyers"

"Michael was the most knowledgeable of all lawyers I spoke to when looking for a lawyer. He showed professionalism."

RR, Brighton

Why choose Michael Lynch Family Lawyers?

YOUR NEEDS COME FIRST

When it comes time to choose a Family Law firm to represent you, it is easy to be overwhelmed by the emotions you are experiencing and the amount of information you are trying to absorb.

There is no denying that family issues such as separation, divorce and child custody can be the most painful, spirit breaking and exhausting times of life.

We know.

Over the past 20 years, we have helped over 7,000 Australian families through the heartache (and legal minefields) of separation, divorce, and the resulting stressful family and relationship implications.

You want to be certain that the Family Law firm you choose to represent you will have YOUR needs first ... not their own.

When you first meet with a solicitor from Michael Lynch Family Lawyers to discuss your situation, you can be sure that you will be listened to, understood, and cared for from the very beginning. Many of our clients have later shared how they felt "safe" with us, even from the initial consultation, where they had never felt this way with other solicitors.

You could say that this is our point of difference – we make it our #1 goal to always act in your best interests to provide you with the most up-to-date family law advice, to empower you to make the right decisions, for your own unique situation.



"Thank you, you placed my needs first, you were aware of the need to reach a final result and not get caught up in the personal issues of the other party."

SL, Moranbah

"I really like the personal service by Michael, the simple plain language he adopts and his patience."

AO, North Brisbane

"I like your friendly service and the ability to speak to my solicitor directly."

RG, Wishart

Credibility

Michael Lynch Family Lawyers is one of Brisbane's longest established Family Law firms. Michael is the author of numerous publications, including a free book on Family Law titled "A Guide to Family Law – Everyday Answers", free e-newsletter with 5,000+ current subscribers, newspaper and magazine articles, as well as a frequent contributor on popular talk-back radio programs.

Accurate and Timely Advice

As Brisbane's preferred family and relationship law specialists, family law is all we do. We ensure training and research is a constant activity, so that you are equipped with the most up-to-date facts and options.

"Michael Lynch Family Lawyers have really listened to me. I felt confident my case was handled well. The law has changed recently and I did not feel that a previous law practice I spoke to was suitably up-to-date" **PB, Carindale**

Professional and Friendly at all times

Our time-proven "do unto others" approach to business means that we treat all our clients with the same high levels of respect, courtesy and integrity. This attitude has been a pre-requisite for all MLFL staff, to ensure the message is consistent throughout the firm.

"I like Helen's personable nature. I was also always confident that I was getting the very best advice" **TS, Flinders**

Client Satisfaction

Over 7,000 clients have received our professional services over the last 20 years. We are encouraged when we receive feedback such as this:

"I always felt that the service provided by Michael Lynch Family Lawyers was of a high standard. Each time, after appointments I came away feeling secure. Keep doing what you are and maintain the "family feel" that permeates your services. If I need a family lawyer in the future, I'll be heading to Michael Lynch Family Lawyers again" **CW, Brookfield**

"Helen was very helpful in assisting me to combat a very ugly situation without stooping to the low levels that the other solicitor attempted to take us" **MJ, Manly**

If it's true that satisfied clients refer their friends, then we must have very satisfied clients indeed – 76.4% of our new clients are generated from referrals.

Why Michael Lynch Family Lawyers?

Many solicitors – mostly without realising – distance themselves from their clients by using "legal speak", which can be confusing to most people ... sometimes even patronising.

"I like that my lawyer treated me like a friend and kept jargon to a minimum. She was easy to contact and kept me informed" **LR, Samford**

"I liked my solicitor keeping things as simple as possible" **MJ, Manly**

Costs are Disclosed

You will be given a clear outline of the costs involved for your case from the onset. While none of us possess a crystal ball, and situations can arise which impact the end result, we will strive to minimise costs and provide full details of charges as they are incurred.

"I received personalised service, prompt responses and cost information prior to my commitment" **GC, Southport**

Open to Feedback

We regularly ask for feedback – positive or negative – from our clients. We then use "development opportunities" to enhance our service even further, to ensure our practice is continually improving.

We openly encourage all comments and suggestions. Without this open communication, we can never be sure that our clients are truly receiving the levels of service they demand.

*names of clients have been removed to protect privacy.

Areas of Service

- Separation and Divorce
- De facto Relationship Property Settlements
- Matrimonial Property Settlements including:
 - Family Companies
 - Trusts
 - Partnerships
 - Business Relationships
- Arrangements for the care of children after separation
- International Child Abduction
- Child Support
- Spouse Maintenance
- Domestic Violence Applications
- Child Abuse
- Financial Agreements
- Mediation



"Balanced Views and Attention to Detail"

"Elizabeth is lovely to deal with and provides a balanced view in what are very difficult circumstances."

AC, Morningside

"I was impressed by my solicitor's attention to detail and her concern for me and that the process was explained to me, and that I understood it at all times."

AC, Morningside

"I'm very glad Michael is my lawyer and not the other side's solicitor".

SS Hamilton

One of Queensland's Largest Specialist Family Law Firms

Advice. Service. Solutions.

More Information

Michael Lynch Family Lawyers is one of the largest Specialist Family Law firms in Queensland.

If you would like to learn more about **Michael Lynch Family Lawyers** and how we can help you, you may wish to visit our website at www.mlfl.com.au. From here you can download some recent articles, e-newsletters or even a PDF version of our book, "**A Guide to Family Law – Everyday Answers**".

Once you've done your due diligence and are convinced that we are the most qualified law firm to help you with your unique situation, simply pick up the phone and call us on (07) 3221 4300. Our friendly receptionist will then take down your contact details and arrange for your fixed-fee initial consultation with one of our solicitors at a time that best suits you.





Michael Lynch – Principal

Michael is an Accredited Family Law Specialist and has practised for over 25 years specialising in Family and de facto relationship law. Michael is well recognised as one of Queensland's leading Accredited Family Law Specialists.



Helen Bryden – Senior Associate

Helen is an Accredited Family Law Specialist and has over 25 years' experience in family law. Helen works in all areas of Family law, but with a commercial background and specialises in cases involving complex property and spouse maintenance. Helen practised in Sydney prior to joining Michael Lynch Family Lawyers over 13 years ago.



Elizabeth Millar – Senior Associate

Elizabeth is an Accredited Family Law Specialist and has over 14 years' experience in all aspects of Family law including issues relating to children, property settlement, child support as well as de facto relationship issues. Elizabeth has an open and approachable style with clients.



Amy Honan – Senior Associate

Amy is an Accredited Family Law Specialist with over 10 years' experience and has a special interest in complex financial and children's matters. Amy has represented clients in conferences, mediations and settlement negotiations as well as Court hearings. Amy is a long-standing volunteer Solicitor with the Caxton Legal Centre.



Tarah Tosh – Senior Associate

Tarah is a Senior Associate and Accredited Family Law Specialist and has years of dedicated experience within Family Law. She was admitted to practice in 1999 and became accredited as a Family Law Specialist in 2005. Tarah has worked in all aspects of Family Law including practising as a solicitor in the United Kingdom, specialising in child protection and education law.



Susan Miranda – Associate

Susan has over 16 years' experience specialising in all aspects of Family and de facto Relationship law. Susan has an approachable manner and is dedicated to assisting clients to find innovative solutions and securing the best outcome for clients.



Belinda Jeffrey – Associate

Belinda has practiced in Family and de facto Relationship law for over 10 years and is experienced in issues relating to children, property and domestic violence. Belinda has extensive involvement in negotiating agreements and when litigation does arise, drafting documents and appearing in court. Belinda is a volunteer at Women's Legal Service.



Polly Richardson – Associate

Polly has practised exclusively in Family and de facto Relationship law for 11 years. She has extensive experience in complex property and parenting cases. Polly has been a volunteer at the Caxton Legal Centre for many years and is a contributing author to the Queensland Law Handbook.



Stephanie Brown – Solicitor

Stephanie has experience in all areas of Family Law. She is open, approachable and provides clients with the best possible outcome for their matter. Stephanie also has specific knowledge in business related matters due to her commercial law background.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

A Guide to Family Law – Everyday Answers is now in its 14th edition due to popular demand. We have printed over 140,000 copies of this handy and informative guide. Designed to translate the complexities of Family Law into "everyday language", Michael first authored this book to provide Australian families with a high level understanding of key issues relating to separation, divorce, spouse and child support, property settlement and more.

Michael has also published, printed and distributed this book at his own expense from the very first edition, despite suggestions from others that he should charge for the information.

Family Flyer is another free service that Michael initiated over 20 years ago. Each monthly e-newsletter is packed with updates on Family Law, tips for surviving family issues and case studies of recent disputes within the Family Court.

Public Education Seminars – as part of our commitment to educating the Australian public, we offer frequent seminars and information nights on Family Law matters. The seminar participants appreciate our lawyers' refreshing, friendly and down-to-earth nature, and their ability to explain legal terminology in layman's terms.

Here is some feedback from our seminar attendees:

"Dear Michael, thank you very much for your time and for your very information sessions. I really appreciate having your books, they are a very useful guide..." **CM, Springwood**

"Hi Michael, We all appreciated your talk and important handouts, everyone felt you gave them time for their questions and heard their situation" **KC, Brisbane**

"Hi Michael, thank you very much for yesterday's seminar. The seminar was a great success ... we greatly appreciate the time you made available for us. Your presentation style is most enjoyable and your relaxed approach makes the information really accessible" **CH, Brisbane**



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