



Family business

At Cooper Grace Ward, our family business team understands that families in business undergo different pressure points than other businesses.

Our specialist family business lawyers are well versed in the opportunities and issues that the integration of the three systems of family, business and ownership can create throughout the life of a family business.

Having provided specialist legal services to family-owned businesses for nearly 30 years, our clients enjoy the peace of mind of knowing we can take the complexity out of the law and communicate effectively with them to help them fulfil their business needs.

Our family business lawyers are readily available to travel to meet with clients and their advisers throughout Queensland and interstate to ensure high quality, personalised service.

Our key services

Our family business team provides a wide range of services to clients within this area, including:

- business succession, including tax effective ways to pass ownership to the next and future generations
- structuring including asset protection and entity establishment
- stakeholder agreements
- commercial advice on, and preparation of, business contracts such as terms of trade and supply agreements
- business sales and purchases
- superannuation
- estate planning, including wills, trusts and estate disputes
- tax, duty and GST advice, including Australian Tax Office disputes
- employment and workplace relations
- advice in relation to not for profit and philanthropy
- customs and duties issues
- property advice, including property purchases, leasing and sales
- intellectual property advice and protection strategies
- compliance including competition and consumer law and workplace health and safety compliance
- litigation and dispute resolution
- family law matters, including divorce, separation and binding financial agreements.

Strong industry involvement

Cooper Grace Ward recognises the important role family business plays in the country's economy, with family-owned businesses comprising almost 70 percent of all Australian businesses and employing over 50 percent of Australia's workforce.

Cooper Grace Ward is the proud Queensland gold sponsor of Family Business Australia (FBA) (Qld Chapter). Our partnership with FBA is an integral part of our commitment to the family business sector in Australia.

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About Cooper Grace Ward

With more than 200 team members, Cooper Grace Ward is a leading Australian law firm based in Brisbane, servicing clients with a local, national and international presence. As a full-service firm, we are known for providing commercial and practical advice, outstanding service and excellence in all practice areas.

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