



## **GFLF CODE OF PRACTICE**

Members of this forum approach family law matters in a constructive way, seeking to resolve and not to inflame. In order to be a member of the forum, a practitioner must:

- ✓ Act with honesty, integrity and objectivity,
- ✓ Reduce or manage conflict and confrontation, using their expertise and experience to avoid hostility and aggression,
- ✓ At all times put children's interests first, and encourage clients to do the same,
- ✓ Help clients to understand the bigger picture, and the long term consequences of the financial and emotional decisions they make now,
- ✓ Inform their clients of all the dispute resolution and procedural options open to them, and the implications of each,

- ✓ Be honest with their clients about their prospects of success,
- ✓ Use clear and plain language, and avoid inflammatory communication,
- ✓ Treat clients, colleagues and opposing parties with respect and decency, assisting parties to conduct their proceedings with dignity,
- ✓ Advocate for their clients in a way that is helpful and not destructive.