

## HEALING OR DEALING?

It has been widely reported that currently every third Australian marriage ends in divorce. Obviously many memories are associated with someone's marriage – some good, some bad – and a person's possessions understandably hold a lot of memories too.

*Good Morning America* has reported one option for ex-wives who want to put their relationships behind them and rid their wardrobes of reminders - [The Divorcee Sale](#).

Created by Jill Alexander, the sale enables women to rid themselves of those possessions that just bring back too many memories. Things like designer outfits worn for a special occasion with their former partner are being offered for sale for a tidy profit.

Buyers have benefited from purchases such as gold Chanel earrings and Christian Louboutin shoes at a fraction of their usual value.

Although unsure whether something like this might take off in Australia too, Brisbane Family Law Centre (BFLC) believes that there are other effective ways for people to move on from a relationship.

As Ms Clarissa Rayward, Director of BFLC, explains: "Divorce or separation from a long term partner is notoriously one of the most traumatic events a person will experience throughout their lives. I believe that the emotional support that is offered by friends, family or counsellors when going through a separation helps the healing process in another effective manner than just saying good riddance to a few personal reminders".

"At [Brisbane Family Law Centre](#), we encourage our clients to explore all options to resolve their situation through the methods of [collaborative practice](#) and view Court proceedings as a final resort."



The image is a promotional banner for Brisbane Family Law Centre (BFLC). It features a white brick wall on the left with the BFLC logo in orange and black. The logo includes the letters 'BFLC' in a stylized font, followed by 'BRISBANE FAMILY LAW CENTRE' in bold black text, and a small icon of a family (two adults and a child) under a house. To the right of the logo is a red brick wall with the text 'START YOUR NEW LIFE WITH US' in yellow graffiti. Below the brick wall is the website address 'www.brisbanefamilylawcentre.com.au'. On the far right, there is contact information: '10 Albion Road, Albion Qld 4010', 'Ph: 07 3862 1955', 'Fx: 07 3862 1255', and 'info@bflc.com.au'. Below this is the name of the director, 'Director: Clarissa Rayward BA LLB', and her ABN number, 'ABN 17 130966317'. At the bottom of the banner, there is a black bar with white text: 'a SPECIALIST FAMILY LAW FIRM focusing on collaborative law, mediation and out of Court dispute resolution'.

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To assist people with the emotional impact of relationship breakdown in a constructive way, BFLC offers on-site counselling services with separation psychologist, Dr. Anne Purcell. Dr. Purcell, who formerly appeared on the television show “Honey We’re Killing the Kids” has extensive experience in the family law field and is also committed to the concept of collaborative practice.

Brisbane Family Law Centre is a boutique law firm offering unique solutions in all areas of Family and Relationship Law. Visit our website at [www.brisbanefamilylawcentre.com.au](http://www.brisbanefamilylawcentre.com.au).

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Attachment: Photograph of Dr. Anne Purcell