

# Exeter family law firm opens first office in Cornwall

An Exeter-founded law firm has opened its first office in Cornwall as it expands its footprint across the region. The new base in Truro is the fourth office for The Family Law Company, which already has two sites in Exeter and another in Plymouth.

The move into Cornwall began in 2021 with the appointment of director Lucy Theobald who initially flexi-worked from home and the Plymouth office. The Family Law Company added paralegal Sophie Kneebone and trainee legal executive Shannon Fawdry to the team as demand for services grew, it said.

Ms Theobald said: "It was a natural progression to open an office where we can welcome clients and build a real team connection. The company is proud to serve many of our clients on the doorstep of the local judiciary and we were pleased to find the perfect solution; a compact, cost-effective office in the capital of Cornwall conveniently located next door to barristers' chambers."

Ms Kneebone joined the Truro team from historic Cornish legal firm Coodes. She is currently studying with CILEx and aims to qualify as a lawyer in 2024. Ms Fawdry, who previously worked with Ms Theobald, joined from Cornwall-based legal practice Charles French & Co where she focused on conveyancing.

Family solicitor Deborah Cahill is also working with The Family Law Company's Cornish team, based from St Austell. The company has said it will be looking to provide "employment opportunities" to local people in Truro as it continues to grow.

Ms Theobald added: "Our business has an innovative recruitment policy that's brilliant at spotting potential. We've seen

receptionists move into roles as paralegals, office assistants and account managers, a former nail technician now training to be a lawyer and a military police officer who recently qualified as a lawyer.”

The Family Law Company was founded by Norman Hartnell in 1991 and now employs nearly 100 people managing around 2,000 cases a year.

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