

# Dan's the man in family law

SOUTHPORT family law specialist Dan Bottrell (pictured) has won a prestigious award for graduating top of his masters class from the College of Law.

Mr Bottrell was awarded the Sandra Paul Memorial Prize last week for Best Graduating Student in the College of Law's Master of Applied Law (Family Law).

The award recognises dedicated and passionate lawyers who lift the practice of family law to levels of excellence.

Speaking during Law Week, Mr Bottrell said there was great satisfaction for family law specialists in crafting a pathway for couples through the myriad obstacles and challenges that occurred in separation.

He said the lawyer-client relationship in family law was unlike any other in the legal profession and inevitably involved emotional challenges that, to many people, could seem insurmountable.

"That relationship will inevitably involve trials and tribulations as those challenges are resolved," he said.

"The rises and falls are shared between client and lawyer and, with investment from both client and lawyer, there is a solution.

"To be able to see people move on with their lives, having helped them in resolving the things that were preventing them from being content, from being financially secure, from seeing their children happy, or from feeling safe, is what keeps family law specialists going."

The award was presented to Mr Bottrell by College of Law principal Neville Carter.

Mr Bottrell joined Jones Mitchell Lawyers in 2007 after graduating from the University of Queensland.

He is a Queensland Law Society accredited specialist in family law and sits on the board of the Family Law Practitioners Association of Queensland.

