

Relationship agreements

Hill Dickinson's family team is experienced in advising on all aspects and types of relationship agreements and assessing whether an agreement is appropriate to ensure that family wealth and assets are protected.

Relationship agreements enable you to:

- Help preserve family wealth on relationship breakdown or divorce
- Potentially minimise expensive disputes on relationship breakdown
- Provide some wealth management protection when carrying out estate and tax planning for future generations

Relationship agreements include:

- Agreements between cohabittees
- Pre-marriage or prenuptial agreements
- After marriage or postnuptial agreements
- Separation agreements
- Civil partnership agreements

As members of Resolution, the national organisation of family lawyers, and through recognition in the Chambers Guide to the legal profession and Legal 500, Hill Dickinson is at the forefront of best practice in wealth management and family law.



Hill Dickinson's family law team protects and safeguards clients through pragmatic, commercially driven advice on the full range of family law, tailoring legal expertise and practical knowledge to individuals' circumstances.

Relationship agreements – key considerations

- There is no one piece of legislation resolving cohabitee claims. Cohabitation agreements can prevent or limit expensive court proceedings.
- Pre and post-marriage agreements are not legally binding in divorce proceedings in England and Wales – they are a factor that the court will take into account when determining financial claims on divorce.
- Pre-marriage agreements can be entered into to protect inherited wealth or assets built up prior to the marriage.
- After marriage agreements can be useful when carrying out estate and tax planning and gifting sums to married or unmarried children.
- In some jurisdictions relationship agreements are legally binding.

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