

## ***Build your foundations with a Pre-Nuptial Agreement***

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## Why would we need one?

To regulate your affairs on marriage or on remarriage. This can include agreeing how assets are to be dealt with during the marriage, on separation and divorce. One example is where a couple are engaged to be married. They had each been married previously and have children from those marriages and also assets such as property and savings. They may both agree that during their marriage they will keep their assets separate and in the event of separation they would retain their own assets for the benefit of themselves and their children in the future.



## When would we need one?

It is very important to consider a Pre-Nuptial Agreement well in advance of the intended date of marriage. Ideally, such an Agreement should be finalised and signed no less than 21 days before the wedding. We would suggest that advice should be taken on this issue at least 6 months before the date of the wedding which gives you both sufficient time to consider the terms of the Agreement and to take advice from solicitors.

If you have already married and want to provide for what should happen to your assets you can enter into a Post-Nuptial Agreement at any point.

## What would the outcome be?

There is no doubt that discussing what should happen in the event of separation can be difficult but it is important to consider whether it would be sensible to enter into a Pre-Nuptial Agreement.

The outcome would be that, in the unfortunate occurrence of divorce, both spouses will have protected the assets that they had built up or acquired prior to the marriage, providing certainty for the couple and their wider family.

## What are the legal effects?

Provided you have both given full information about your finances and have taken advice from solicitors, it is likely that a Pre-Nuptial Agreement will be upheld by the Court. In some circumstances courts can vary the contents of such an Agreement if the marriage has been a long one and circumstances have changed significantly since marriage. Even in such circumstances the Agreement can be influential on the outcome. Provision can be built in for the Agreement to be reviewed.

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