

## Pre-Nuptial and Pre-Civil Agreements

If you are planning to marry or enter into a civil partnership you are likely to be optimistic about the endurance of your relationship. However if you have property which you wish to safeguard in the event of the unfortunate breakdown in your relationship, you should consider entering into a Pre-Nuptial /Pre-Civil Agreement which is an agreement made in contemplation of the marriage/civil partnership and is for the purpose of setting out you and your partner's intentions in respect of what will happen to your income and assets in the event of a marital/partnership breakdown.

In terms of preparing and completing the agreement, you should both provide documentary evidence to your Solicitor of your income and assets. Each of you should receive independent legal advice and the agreement should be negotiated and signed at least 21 days prior to the ceremony. Provision should be made for any children that may be born .The terms should be fair for both of you at the time of negotiation and be reviewed regularly.

The agreements are not just for celebrities and you can set out what you would wish to happen to your house, pension, savings and any vehicle you may own.

You should be aware that although the agreements are not automatically enforceable in the courts they are now being given much more recognition.

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