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Attwaters Q&A

Common questions about separation and divorce

Getting advice when a relationship breaks down is really important. You need to be informed about your rights before making decisions. Common questions are:

I've lived with my partner for 20 years, what are my common law rights?

There is no such thing as a common law marriage regardless of the period of cohabitation. Cohabitees do not have the same rights as married couples so seek advice.

Isn't divorce expensive?

It does not have to be. Try and deal with things amicably. Mediation can help but gather together details of your finances before seeking advice. This will help keep costs down.

Will I keep the house?

The house is often the most valuable asset and there are

various ways to deal with it. It may not have to be sold immediately.

What about the children?

Both parents remain financially responsible for any children and the parent who leaves the home is obligated to pay maintenance. If an agreement cannot be reached there are options available.

Will I keep my pension?

Pensions can be another valuable asset and you need specialist advice. If couples agree to share a pension the Court will need to order this.

My ex and I can't agree, what now?

Negotiations using specialist family solicitors help even the most

entrenched couples reach an agreement. Some couples use mediation or collaborative law. However if necessary an application can be made to the Court. Most couples reach an agreement even when this is done. The Court will consider many factors set out by the law.

Would a pre-nup have helped?

Pre-nups are still not legally binding but the Court can take them into account. The law is likely to change significantly in the future. If you are getting married consider getting advice if you have assets you want to protect.