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When we get married it is the happiest day of our lives. No one gives a thought to the relationship breaking down.

But some do break down. Divorce is said to be one of the most traumatic events in a person's life, along with bereavement and moving house.

The divorce process itself need not be so stressful. However many believe that in obtaining a divorce their finances are automatically sorted out. This is a misunderstanding.



In addition to your divorce you need to sort out your financial relationship. You and your spouse need to disclose to each other financial documentation such as evidence of your income, copies of Bank Statements and pension valuations. Thereafter hopefully by negotiation the finances can be resolved. Once a financial agreement is reached it needs to be detailed in a Court Order which the Judge can approve. This does not mean you need to go to Court, it is something the Judge can do without anyone being there. Until this financial Order is obtained the door remains open to your spouse at some time later to walk through and claim against you.

Reasons for not obtaining a financial Order can be:-

- We will sort it out ourselves
- We cannot afford to pay a Solicitor
- We have agreed between us who gets what
- It is too stressful so we will wait and just get the divorce.

All these are not reasonable 'excuses' and do mean that potential difficulties are stored for the future. What if you subsequently receive an inheritance or win the lottery?

It is for these reasons and many others that you need to consult a Solicitor.

If you find yourself in the unfortunate situation of your marriage having broken down, you need advice and a sympathetic ear. Speak to a Solicitor who understands you and who you can understand.

We offer a free 30 minute meeting in which you can be advised further.

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