

Dawson Cornwell Newsletter

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About us

Dawson Cornwell is one of the UK's leading specialist family law firms. Based in London, the firm acts for clients across the UK and internationally who are embarking on divorce or separation. The firm also advises on buying and selling properties and on wills and planning family finances.

Effects of divorce

A recent report on family law reform produced by the Centre for Family Justice recommends a three month cooling off period before couples get divorced. [Click here to read the report.](#)

In a separate study published in the Journal of Health and Social Behaviour it has been found that divorced or widowed people suffer 20 per cent more long-term health problems including diabetes, heart disease and cancer than those continuously married.



Firm news



Carolina Marín Pedreño

We are delighted to welcome Carolina Marín Pedreño who has just been promoted to partner with effect from September 2009. Carolina is a Spanish abogado who cross qualified as a solicitor in 2006. Regarded as a rising star, Carolina focuses on cases with an international element. She has been involved in a number of the leading reported cases including the recent important decision of the Court of Appeal in Re P-J (Children). Carolina's promotion consolidates Dawson Cornwell's position as a market leading firm in the field of cross-jurisdictional work.

Recent changes in the law

The Court of Appeal, in the recent case of Granatino v Radmacher, has found that the pre-nuptial agreement into which the parties entered before the marriage was a highly significant factor. As a result the husband's award was significantly limited. This ground-breaking case makes it more likely that pre-nuptial agreements will be a decisive factor on financial settlements. Note however that the case is likely to be appealed to the Supreme Court because there are aspects which conflict with a Privy Council case based on applicability of much of the same law.

