

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.

Cohabitation

Figures recently published by the ONS show that nowadays more women are having children than getting married compared with 30 years ago. When relationships break down, the rights of unmarried people are very different from married people. For more advice please contact [Russell Bywater](#).

Read a recent series of articles on cohabitation co-authored by Kate Allen, partner at Dawson Cornwell, in the Family Law Journal:

Click here for [Six Golden Rules](#)

Click here for [Life Beyond the Family Proceedings Rules](#)

Françoise Bonnaillie-Valmorin dual qualified



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Françoise Bonnaillie-Valmorin, who joined Dawson Cornwell in 2008, has just become the first family lawyer in the UK to be dually qualified in England and France. Françoise trained at Cabinet Véronique Chauveau and worked for BWG et Associés, two of the leading specialist family law firms in Paris, before joining Dawson Cornwell.

Early findings in collaborative law

Research commissioned by Resolution indicates that two thirds of completed collaborative law cases settle earlier than they would otherwise have done. For more information [click here](#).



Recent changes in the law

- A landmark case has recently been heard in the Court of Appeal which will test the status of prenuptial agreements in this country. Read the next newsletter for an update.
- The media now has the right of access to hearings of all family proceedings unless there is specific exemption or the court considers there are grounds to do so.

