

Location & Date

Date: 1st November 2020

Time: 09:00 - 16:20

Location:

TBC

Edinburgh

CPD Hours: 5hours 30minutes

Event postponed

Due to Covid-19 we have postponed this event. We will endeavour to reschedule this event as soon as possible. If you have already booked a place for this event, or require more information, please email: cpd@lawscot.org.uk

5.5 hours verifiable CPD

Join us in Edinburgh this April for comprehensive updates on the latest legislative developments and key decisions in core areas of family law.

With our child law conference taking place later in the spring, the programme will focus primarily on relationship breakdown and financial issues. Come along to hear about practical guidance and expert insights on spousal maintenance, asset protection and financial provisions upon divorce, top tips for drafting pre- and post-nuptial agreements, ADR, cross-border issues and much more.

The programme will offer many networking opportunities, and the possibility to ask questions on the matters that most affect your day-to-day work.

*Are you a solicitor specialising in the areas of law, and would like to have your expertise recognised? If so, our specialist accreditation scheme may be for you. We offer specialist accreditation in Family Law, Child Law and also accredit Family mediators. To find out if you qualify see **Specialist Accreditation**.*

Learning outcomes

At this event you will:

- Refresh your knowledge of the main legislative developments of the last 12 months
- Hear about the case of *Villiers v Villiers* and the key cross-jurisdictional issues in cases involving spousal maintenance, and in the current Brexit landscape
- Learn about the main cases and decisions of 2019 around financial provisions upon divorce
- Gain practical guidance for drafting effective pre- and post-nuptial agreements
- Get expert tips for effectively advising your clients on finance and pension management upon divorce
- Discuss key themes around alternative dispute resolution, with specific attention to mediation and collaboration

Confirmed speakers

- **Kate Dowdalls QC**, Commissioner, Scottish Law Commission

- **Amanda Masson**, Partner, Harper Macleod LLP
- **John West**, Associate, SKO Family Law Specialists
- **Philippa Cunniff**, Partner, Head of Family Law, Gilson Gray LLP
- **Nadine Martin**, Senior Associate, Harper Macleod LLP
- **Anne Hall Dick**, Inkdance Family Mediation
- **Alison Edmondson**, Director, SKO Family Law Specialists
- **Conor Forker**, Investment Manager, Brewin Dolphin

"This is one of the most interesting and useful CPD events I have ever attended. I would definitely book this CPD again in years to come."

Amanda Sneddon, Rollos Law LLP, September 2019

"Excellent, relevant seminar that will be useful to me in practice."

September 2019

"Much needed practical advice."

June 2018

"Great conference with a lot of useful information and very interesting speakers."

June 2018

Programme Details

09:00 - 09:30 Registration and refreshments

09:30 - 09:55 Welcome and introduction, Chair

- Overview of the main developments in Scots family law in the last year

Speaker

Kate Dowdalls QC, Commissioner, Scottish Law Commission

Session one Recent developments in Scots family law

09:55 - 10:15 **Insight: the Children (Scotland) Bill and the Family Justice Modernisation Strategy**

- Overview of the main provisions that are considered for reform
- What should you expect?

Speaker

Amanda Masson, Partner, Harper Macleod LLP

10:15 - 10:35 **Insight: the Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill**

- Overview of the Bill and a refresher on the background legislation
- A look across the border: civil partnerships in England and Wales
- Recent decisions
- Tax and pension implications

10:35 - 10:50 **Questions and discussion**

10:50 - 11:10 Refreshments and networking

Session two Case law update

11:10 - 11:45

Spousal maintenance update

- Differences in legislation north and south of the border
- A close look at Villiers v Villiers: intra-UK divorce and maintenance
- The impact of Brexit on cross-jurisdictional issues

Speaker

John West, Associate, SKO Family Law Specialists

11:45 - 12:20

Financial provisions upon divorce: current issues and key cases

Speaker

Alison Edmondson, Director, SKO Family Law Specialists

12:20 - 12:35

Questions and discussion

12:5 - 13:20

Lunch and networking

Session three

Contractual issues and wealth management tips

13:20 - 13:50

Negotiating and drafting pre- and post-nuptial agreements

- Key contractual issues for family lawyers
- Drafting tips

Speaker

Philippa Cunniff, Partner, Head of Family Law, Gilson Gray LLP

13:50 - 14:10

Asset protection and divorce: pensions and tax planning

- Producing an income post-settlement

Speaker

Conor Forker, Investment Manager, Brewin Dolphin

14:10 - 14:40

Small businesses, insolvency and divorce

- Small businesses: the impact of insolvency on divorce matters

Speaker

Nadine Martin, Senior Associate, Harper Macleod LLP

14:40 - 14:55

Questions and discussion

14:55 - 15:15 Refreshments and networking

Session four Briefings session

15:15 - 15:35 **Finding the right fit of dispute resolution to add value for you and your client**

Speaker

Anne Hall Dick, Inkdance Family Mediation

15:35 - 15:55 **What should family law practitioners look out for in the wake of Brexit?**

15:55 - 16:15 **Panel discussion**

- Discussion of themes, issues and matters identified by the floor

16:15 - 16:20 Closing remarks

Prices

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