

COHABITATION

Many people choose to cohabit rather than enter into marriage or civil partnership. Scots law has changed over the past few years to allow cohabitants more rights than they were previously afforded.

However, the legal rights of cohabitants do differ significantly from married couples and couples in civil partnerships. It is important that you are aware of the differences.

Advice

The Family Law Team and our colleagues can offer legal advice on any aspect of your cohabitation. Issues you may require advice on include:

- When you actually began cohabiting and ended the cohabitation. This can be very important in any legal proceeding and there are special rules surrounding dates;
- Your home, whether you own or rent;
- Children;
- Financial matters;
- Inheritance;
- Business ventures; and
- Issues on separation.

Given the complexities that can arise with regard to cohabitants, we suggest you obtain professional advice if you have any legal queries. Our family lawyers are here to help.