

3 things not to leave until after you are divorced

When you decide that your marriage has come to an end there are some important practical steps that should not be left until your Final Order in divorce has been granted by the Court.

Until your divorce is legally finalised, you remain married. If you were to die in the interim period between deciding to divorce and receiving the Final Order, your existing Will, pension nominations and death-in-service benefits may not reflect your true wishes.

Our simple quick checklist will assist in protecting you during the vulnerable period between separation and receiving the Final Order.

1. Review and update your Will

Prior to being divorced, your spouse may still benefit under your existing will, or, if you do not have a will, under the intestacy rules. If you do not want this to be the case, reviewing your Will at an early-stage post separation will ensure your post-death wishes are made clear.

2. Check your death in service nomination

Many employers offer a death in benefit service, often calculated 3 or 4 times your annual salary. This is usually dealt with through your HR department.

If your spouse is currently named as the person you wish to receive that benefit, you may want to consider whether this still reflects your wishes and if not, make a request for it to be changed.

3. Contact your pension provider

If your spouse is named as a beneficiary, or if your pension scheme refers to a spouse as the default beneficiary, it is sensible to check the position and update any nomination forms where appropriate.

If you are considering a divorce or have recently separated, our family law and private client team can assist in identifying the immediate steps you need to take.

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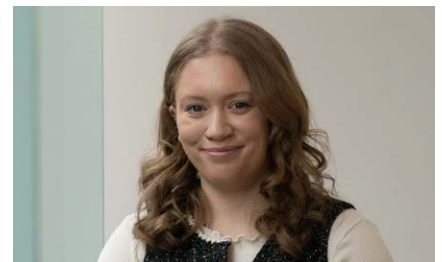
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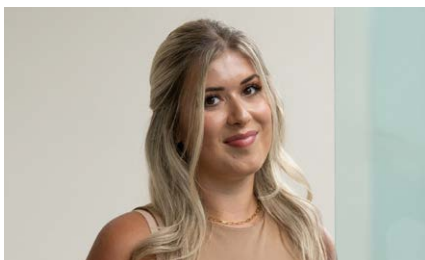
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