

## What is divorce?

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Divorce is the legal action that permanently terminates the marriage before the death of either spouse.

### Consequences of a divorce

A divorce only deals with the permanent end of a marriage. Many couples getting divorced also need to decide how to resolve any issues concerning children of the marriage, for example, who they will live with, how much time they will spend with the other parent and when? There are also questions surrounding finances that need consideration such as, what is to happen to the matrimonial home, should it be sold, if so, when, and how should the proceeds be divided? What if the sale of a property yields insufficient funds to re-house both parties? In this scenario, should the matrimonial home be sold at all and in this situation, how do you reach an agreement about who should get how much from the sale? What about spousal maintenance? When should this be paid, for how long and how much? If there is a pension should this be shared? If so, how is the sharing determined?

These are challenging questions and the answers can have far-reaching consequences. The journey to reaching these outcomes can be stressful and full of anxiety. Our expertise and specialism in this area means we can provide advice with clarity and understanding. Be prepared and understand your options. Take advice from our experienced solicitors Selena Ludick and Elizabeth Miles. Call Selena or Liz on 01628 631051 or email them at [family@colemans.co.uk](mailto:family@colemans.co.uk).