

Divorce

Under the new Family Law Act 2019, married couples can now apply to the courts for a Decree of Divorce after a period of 2 years subject to the following:

- There must be no prospect of reconciliation.
- The court must be satisfied that the spouses have lived apart for at least 2 of the previous 3 years.
- The court must be satisfied that proper provision has been made for the dependent children, if any.

We can advise in relation to these conditions prior to divorce proceedings being issued before the Court. We will also consider the other aspects of your financial and family life, to ensure that your interests are protected throughout the legal process.

Although it may not always be feasible to reach an agreement in advance of a court hearing, where possible we will attempt to reach an agreement with your estranged spouse. This can allow the Divorce application to be ruled on consent and avoid a stressful and time-consuming fully contested court hearing. This is a recommended approach as it will also likely reduce the legal costs of the proceedings.

Foreign divorces can also be recognised in Ireland depending on the circumstances of the parties and the details of their foreign divorce.