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Recent UK statistics indicate that approximately one in three marriages end in divorce, and the UK has one of the highest divorce rates in the European Union. With case law now allowing pre-nuptial agreements, this timely book provides an excellent and authoritative guide to the law and drafting of these agreements.

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The most significant development since the publication of the first edition of this book in April 2008 has been the Supreme Court decision in Radmacher, which held that “the court should give effect to a nuptial agreement that is entered into by each party with a full appreciation of its implications unless in the circumstances prevailing it would not be fair to hold the parties to their agreement.” This book, intended for the practitioner, examines the prenuptial agreement, its origins, purposes, enforceability and future uses.

It includes a digest of all the key authorities in this field, with in-depth analysis of the relevant case law. It also provides advice as to best practice and gives guidance on the appropriate form for prenuptial agreements with reference to a series of precedents that describe commonly encountered scenarios. Most importantly this new edition offers the most comprehensive study of the law relating to prenuptial agreements post-Radmacher and also includes the complete text of the Supreme Court ruling.

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## Reviews

*"The subject of this book is ...of the greatest topicality and interest for all of us who practise, in one way or another, in the field of family law. Having read it in proof, I am resolved to use it myself; and hope that you who have been kind enough to read this foreword may find it helpful to do likewise."*

Lord Justice Wilson,  
Foreword to the First Edition

*Harris and Spicer do not make the mistake of simply setting out precedents but put the whole subject in its proper context. This means that there is a full discussion of the case law both before and including MacLeod and Radmacher which is also complimented by a relevant case law digest in one of the Appendices. Nor have they forgotten the need to ensure that any agreement drawn will not fail the test of enforceability – a careful analysis is provided to ensure that what the parties agree does not fall at the hurdle of the courts.*

*Both authors of this publication are experienced family practitioners whose expertise in this emerging area will prove invaluable to those who not only want to dip their toes in the water but are also prepared for a whole new voyage of discovery.*

District Judge Stephen Gerlis