

Dawson Cornwell Newsletter

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About us

Dawson Cornwell is one of the UK's leading specialist family law firms. As well as consistently being ranked highly in Chambers and the Legal 500 for children and matrimonial finance work, the firm has a high number of foreign language speaking lawyers. At present, the languages spoken by lawyers in the firm include French, Spanish, Italian, German, Arabic, Greek, Hindi and Gujarati.

Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE

Dawson Cornwell is very proud to announce that our partner Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE has received the International Bar Association's Outstanding International Woman Lawyer award. The announcement of this prestigious award and its presentation was made at the IBA 4th World Women Lawyers' Conference in London on 15th April 2010. It was awarded to Anne-Marie for having achieved professional excellence in her field and for having influenced other women to pursue legal careers.



The firm



We are delighted to report that Joanna Harrison has qualified as a couple and marital therapist at the Tavistock Centre for Couple Relationships. Joanna qualified as a solicitor in 2005 and joined the firm in 2007. Joanna has also been voted chair of the Skills and Support Working Party for Resolution (formerly the Solicitors' Family Lawyers' Association). We congratulate her on these dual achievements.

EU Regulation Proposal

The European Commission has proposed a new Regulation which will allow couples to choose which country's laws apply to their divorce. Under the proposal, Courts would have a common formula for deciding which country's law applies when couples cannot agree themselves. Given that there are around 300,000 international marriages per year in the EU, this Regulation would help, in particular, couples of different nationalities and couples living together in a different country to their own.

