



Partnership breakdown: Consequences for women, men and children

Friday 7th March 2008, 1.30-4.30pm
Old Kitchens, Queens' College, Cambridge

The Law Commission published a major report “Cohabitation: the Financial Consequences of Relationship Breakdown” and presented their recommendations for changes to the law in England and Wales to Parliament in July 2007. Over recent times there have been a number of studies which have looked at the experiences of separating partners and the financial consequences for men, women and children. The seminar looks at the proposals in the light of the recent research and against the wider background of the continuing disparity in lifetime earnings of men and women and the pension and poverty implications of this.

‘Money, Marriage and Cohabitation – the case for reform’
Stuart Bridge, *Law Commissioner and Queens' College Cambridge*

‘Money and Myths: attitudes to financial settlements for separating cohabitants’
Professor Anne Barlow, *University of Exeter*

‘Separating from Cohabitation – cohabitants’ financial arrangements and consequences for women, men and children’
Jane Lewis, *National Children's Bureau, formerly at NatCen*

‘Pensions and Partnerships – some implications of relationship breakdown’
Debora Price, *Institute of Gerontology, King's College, London*