



Hi Howard,

The question as to whether a Spouse's Estate should have an obligation to support a dependent spouse, when there is a Marriage Contract or Cohabitation Agreement that releases the estate from such obligations, is complex. On the one hand, such agreements which could have been executed decades earlier are legally binding and should be honoured. On the other hand, the welfare of a dependent spouse after decades of marriage or cohabitation should not be compromised for the sake of an agreement drawn so many years earlier. As such, it is important to consider the circumstances surrounding the agreement and the dependent's situation both before the agreement was signed and at the date of death of the Spouse. Ultimately, it is crucial to balance legal obligations with moral responsibilities to ensure that dependent spouses are not left unsupported in their time of need.

My friends at [Hull and Hull LLP](#) blogged about this same question in a post which you may access by [clicking here](#).

Don't leave this issue to your Family to battle upon your death; contact me today to learn more about your options and how I can assist you in making the correct changes to your Estate Planning and Will, as a result of your Agreement. Let's work together to ensure that your Spouse's future is secure and protected and not a cause for litigation.

I invite you to [set up a Zoom](#) appointment with me to discuss your Estate Planning and drawing your Will and Powers of Attorney.

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