



## February 2010 - News e-Bulletin

Welcome to the February edition of our News e-Bulletin, providing a brief overview and update on legal topics which may be of interest to you in your business or personal life.

I trust you will find the legal news set out below both useful and informative. If you would like any further information on any of the issues raised below or concerning a specific situation, then please contact the writer of the article or your usual contact at Cumberland Ellis.

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Divorce and separation are times of great uncertainty for the couple involved. Family Law Partner, Hazel Wright, sets out the key facts involved and how the Family Department can assist during this time.

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Consultant Timothy Bartlett summarises how this quirk of English and Welsh land law, regarded by many as a relic from the mediaeval period, may affect business or residential properties and why it is of particular relevance today.

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Adam Colenso discusses the relatively new concept of virtual assignment under a lease and looks at how the Courts are currently interpreting such arrangements.

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