Resolution Specialist Accreditation
Forced Marriage & 'Honour' Based Violence Portfolio Competence Unit - Lawyers

This portfolio unit focusses on the specialist knowledge, understanding and application in practice required to advise and/or represent clients who may be involved in or subject to threats of forced marriage and/or 'honour' based violence.

Competency Code	Knowledge and Understanding Candidates must know and understand:
SAFMH1	The Resolution Code of Practice and of other relevant protocols (e.g. The Law Society Family Law Protocol, the Remote Access Family Court and any associated protocols), the SRA Competence Statement and over-arching Standards Framework, Family and Civil Procedure Rules. Candidates must have knowledge of the Forced Marriage unit multi-agency guidelines. Resolution's Guides to Good Practice and Precedents.
SAFMH2	The HMCTS/MOJ manual: Forced Marriage Protection Orders, a Guide for Court Proceedings.
SAFMH3	Relevant Law including Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007, part 4 of the Family Law Act 1996, Children Act 1989, Protection from Harassment Act 1997 and s.121 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.
SAFMH4	The full range of Orders available under all of the above.
SAFMH5	Resolution Forced Marriage/Honour Based Violence screening toolkit.
SAFMH6	Relevant case law - must be up to date.
SAFMH7	Relevant criteria tests and each stage of the application as applied by the Court.
SAFMH8	Interplay between Forced Marriage and Abduction - knowledge of inherent jurisdiction.
SAFMH9	Legal Aid availability and eligibility criteria.
SAFMH10	MARAC.
SAFMH11	Special measures, what is available, when to apply for them and what to use.
SAFMH12	Redaction of documents under Family Procedures Rules 2010 and the use thereof.
SAFMH13	Local, regional and national NGO's/voluntary services (specialist).
SAFMH14	Preparation of Scott Schedules - when a fact-finding hearing is indicated.
SAFMH15	Enforcement and breach procedures.
SAFMH16	Which Court to issue in and why - which Courts are available.

Competency Code	Performance Candidates must be able to:
SAFMH17	Demonstrate appropriate application of the Resolution Code of Practice and other relevant practice protocols in all cases.
SAFMH18	Carry out appropriate screening methods and identify risk factors.
SAFMH19	Practical application of safety issues to minimise risk.
SAFMH20	Demonstrate their ability to make decisions in relation to who will be Applicants and Respondents.
SAFMH21	Evidence their ability to create, gather and present appropriate evidence
SAFMH22	Identify when to apply and for which Order.
SAFMH23	Evidence appropriate assessment for and use of the decoy Court system.

SAFMH24	Identify and assess appropriate use of the whole range of Orders with decision making re the most applicable evidenced.
SAFMH24	Evidence management of multiple Respondents (including LIPs).
SAFMH25	Demonstrate their ability to work appropriately with local authority/statutory agencies.
SAFMH26	Demonstrate how to work in partnership with specialist/NGO/voluntary agencies.
SAFMG27	Identify, assess with and provide to clients appropriate signposting or referrals to services of help and support.
SAFMH28	Identify, assess and apply the ability to keep confidential the address of the party and any witnesses.

Guidance Notes to Unit:

Candidates should be aware that not all competencies will feature in case studies but must be prepared and able to answer all that are listed in the unit. Assessment is adjusted to match competencies tested.