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Introduction:

Personal status and family law, covering marriage, divorce, custody and maintenance practice, is a 1-week course for legal practitioners, family-court and reconciliation-centre staff and HR legal units, ending with a Family Case Handling Plan and Pleading File for a case organisation. Family disputes stall and judgments go unenforced when marriage contract terms are unclear, nafaqa claims lack evidence of means and custody orders ignore the child's practical arrangements. Nominees already handle family matters at work and learn through case studies on anonymised claims, contracts and court orders. CoreConcept Training Center delivers this personal status and family law course.

Course Objectives:

- Classify a family dispute by case type, competent court and reconciliation stage before any claim is filed
- Review marriage contracts for pillars, stipulated conditions and prompt and deferred mahr, and advise on their effect in a dispute
- Distinguish talaq, khula and judicial dissolution and state the financial and iddah consequences of each route
- Calculate nafaqa for a wife, a divorced wife in iddah and children from evidence of need and the payer's means
- Draft custody, visitation and guardianship requests that place the child's interests and practical arrangements at the centre
- Prepare statements of claim, evidence files and enforcement requests that move a family judgment to actual performance

Target Audience:

- Practitioners responsible for advising and representing clients in marriage, divorce, custody and maintenance disputes
- Researchers responsible for preparing legal opinions and case memoranda on personal status questions
- Staff responsible for registering, reviewing and preparing family claims in family-court support units
- Staff responsible for conducting reconciliation sessions and drafting settlement agreements between spouses
- Staff responsible for employee family matters, maintenance deduction orders and related legal correspondence in HR and legal departments

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Course Outline:

Day 1: Personal Status Law Foundations, Case Types and Family Court Landscape

- Personal Status Law Scope Across Marriage, Dissolution and Children
- Family Court Jurisdiction Map and Case Type Classification
- Sharia Sources and Jurisprudential Schools in Family Disputes
- Reconciliation Centre Referral Pathway Before Filing a Claim
- Current Family Case Portfolio Review Using Anonymised Files

Day 2: Marriage Contracts, Mahr and Dissolution Frameworks

- Nikah Contract Pillars of Consent, Wali and Witnesses
- Stipulated Conditions Clauses in Marriage Contracts and Their Enforceability
- Mahr Prompt and Deferred Portions Claim Analysis
- Talaq Forms With Revocable and Irrevocable Divorce Effects
- Khula and Faskh Grounds With Compensation Rules

Day 3: Custody, Visitation, Maintenance and Guardianship Application

- Hadana Custody Order of Entitled Persons and Disqualification Grounds
- Visitation Schedule Drafting With Handover and Travel Terms
- Nafaqa Calculation Worksheet for Wife, Iddah and Children
- Payer Means and Ma'ruf Standard Evidence Assessment
- Wilaya Guardianship Over Minor Person and Property Decisions

Day 4: Pleadings, Evidence, Enforcement and Problem Cases

- Family Statement of Claim Drafting Structure and Requests
- Evidence File for Non-Maintenance, Absence and Desertion Claims
- Family Judgment Enforcement Requests and Maintenance Arrears Recovery
- Cross-Border Custody and Child Relocation Risk Scenarios
- Workplace Maintenance Deduction Orders for HR and Legal Departments

Day 5: Case Study Building the Family Case Handling Plan and Pleading File

- Case Organisation Brief With Divorce, Custody and Maintenance Files
- Case Khula Claim Drafting and Compensation Position Paper
- Case Nafaqa and Visitation Settlement Proposal for Reconciliation
- Case Enforcement Request for Unpaid Maintenance and Visitation Denial
- Family Case Handling Plan and Pleading File Completion

Skills You Will Gain:

- Family Case Classification
- Marriage Contract Review
- Dissolution Route Selection
- Nafaqa Quantification
- Custody Arrangement Drafting
- Family Pleading Preparation
- Settlement Agreement Drafting
- Judgment Enforcement Follow-Up

Why Attend This Course:

- Deliver a Family Case Handling Plan and Pleading File for a case organisation to the head of the legal unit or the supervising lawyer
- Decide whether a dispute should go to reconciliation, a khula claim, a judicial dissolution or a maintenance claim, based on the documented facts
- Avoid rejected claims, unenforceable settlements and growing maintenance arrears caused by weak pleadings and missing evidence of means
- Share the nafaqa worksheet, visitation schedule template and claim drafting checklist with colleagues handling family files

Conclusion:

Back at work, the participant hands the head of the legal unit or the supervising lawyer a Family Case Handling Plan and Pleading File that sets the route for each open family matter, the reconciliation position, the nafaqa figures with their evidence, the custody and visitation proposals and the enforcement steps. Lawyers and family-court support staff use it to prioritise filings and settlement talks. After the first matters are decided or settled, the unit should compare the outcomes with the plan, record which evidence carried weight and update its drafting templates.

Frequently Asked Questions FAQ:

What should participants know before the personal status and family law course?

Participants should already advise on, register or process family matters such as divorce, custody or maintenance. No formal study of fiqh is needed. Bringing an anonymised marriage contract, claim or court order helps them apply the case study exercises to real files.

How does the personal status and family law course differ from an inheritance planning or family protection course?

It covers the marriage and its dissolution: contracts, mahr, divorce, khula, custody, visitation, maintenance and guardianship, with pleadings and enforcement. Inheritance planning courses address estate distribution after death, and family protection courses address abuse reporting and victim safety.

How is nafaqa assessed in personal status and family law disputes?

Nafaqa is assessed from the dependant's reasonable needs, such as food, clothing, housing, healthcare and education, weighed against the payer's income and the customary standard of living. Evidence of means and expenses therefore decides most maintenance claims.

What do participants take back from the personal status and family law course?

Participants take back a Family Case Handling Plan and Pleading File for a case organisation, plus a nafaqa calculation worksheet, a visitation schedule template, a claim drafting checklist and an enforcement request format.