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Lottery wrangles prompt divorce warning for Warrington couples

Warrington's divorcing couples should ensure they get legal 'clean break' settlements to avoid later payouts, warned local solicitor Audrey Venables.

She has issued the cautionary advice following the case of lottery winner Nigel Page and his former wife Wendy Page. He won £56 million in the Euromillions jackpot but his ex-wife, who left him 10 years ago for another man, was still able to claim £2 million due to the absence of a 'clean break' clause in their divorce contract.



Audrey Venables, who is a partner and head of family law at Warrington legal firm Forshaws Davies Ridgway LLP, said: "Local couples who decide to go their separate ways will want to know, that if their luck changes, their ex-spouse does not have any legal claim on their new-found wealth.

"This is not just relevant for lottery winners but for anyone who suddenly acquires a large amount of extra money through inheritance or business success for instance. The Page case reportedly caused massive bad feeling and a major family rift. But this can all be avoided by making proper provision in a divorce settlement."

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