This chapter starts by outlining some of the changes in society that have driven the development of the law on disputes regarding the family home. When a family is living happily together, there are unlikely to be disputes about the ownership of the family home. However, where the relationship fails, or one of the parties dies, the division of assets-including the family home-can be a deeply divisive issue. Where a couple are married, their dispute can often be resolved through the divorce legislation. Even then, the chapter shows how equity may have a part to play. It also looks at the current state of the law. Most of the cases taken up in this chapter involve cohabiting (rather than married) couples and the family home.
10. Interests in the family home

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