

Financial Disputes in Divorce

Our barristers can advise you if you and your former partner cannot agree on settlement of financial matters during, or after, a divorce. For example, you may not be able to agree on how assets should be divided, whether to sell your home or other assets, or decide the right level of maintenance payments.

Timescales for your case may vary depending on factors such as; barristers' availability, the value and complexity of your assets (whether on one or multiple jurisdictions), whether you have children, how much you have already agreed with your former partner, and their approach to resolving the issues.

Written advice on your financial dispute will be available within two to four weeks where possible. As a guide, court hearings for a financial order tend to take eight to twelve months. This does not include possible appeals and can sometimes take longer depending on several factors – for example whether expert reports are needed, valuations, Court availability, representation availability (both parties).

Fees

Financial remedy, divorce, matters can be relatively straightforward or incredibly complex. Matters could involve minimal assets in one jurisdiction with no children, to multiple assets across several jurisdictions and involving children. The work that is undertaken is broad and is entirely dependent upon the individual circumstances of the divorce. For that reason, it is not practicable for us to provide a total cost of the service covering all eventualities.

Our charges can be based either upon a fixed fee, for certain components, an hourly rate, or a combination of the two depending upon your individual circumstances including your and the other parties' approach to the matter. It is not possible to provide a fixed price for each component part of a case without knowing the intricacies of each stage of the proceedings. As a guide our Barristers charge an hourly rate ranging between £150 per hour and £300 per hour (plus VAT where applicable) and set fees can be agreed based on the preparation and court time for each specific circumstance.

All fees, for every item of work will be agreed in advance with you, no work will be undertaken without your consent. You have price certainty at every stage

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Stage of Case Ranges of fixed fees (estimate)

Written advice on your financial dispute : £500 – £2000

Advising in face to face conference : £350 – £1500

Advising by telephone/video conference : £350 – £1500

Drafting of any court documents such as Form E, Questionnaire : £350 – £1500

Drafting statement : £500 – £1500

First directions appointment (first court hearing exchanging financial information) : £400 – £1750

Financial dispute resolution hearing (second court hearing to reach a financial settlement) :£500 – £4000

First day of final hearing (if no settlement was reached in the FDR) : £1000 – £6000

Court appearances per day, after the first day of the hearing : £500 – £3000

If your case requires Court hearings, you may be required to pay the Court Issue fee. Details of these can be found [here](https://www.gov.uk/court-fees-what-they-are) (*https://www.gov.uk/court-fees-what-they-are). Or if you require an expert this may incur additional costs.

Contact Us

All information is correct as of January 2020, but fees are estimates only. For a quotation, please contact the clerks on [02380 736 812](tel:02380736812) or email

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