

Our Pricing for Family Law Advice*

Fees: Due to individual and differing circumstances in family law matters it is difficult to predict with certainty the total cost of our services. To better assess your circumstances, what steps require to be taken and what the likely costs are we would arrange an initial meeting/telephone consultation with you.

Initial Meeting

The cost of an initial meeting with us varies depending on the team member with whom you meet. It ranges from £150 plus VAT to £250 plus VAT. An initial meeting usually lasts about an hour.

Thereafter, we charge on an hourly basis for our services in the family law team. Depending on the nature and complexity of the matter, the legal work undertaken by us may be completed one or several members of the team.

The number of hours spent on your case will be determined by the complexity of the case and your personal circumstances. At our initial meeting/consultation we will discuss the likely cost of your case with you. This will only be an indicative guide as it is impossible for us to predict with certainty at that early stage any unforeseen circumstances. If any additional costs arise we will discuss this with you at the earliest opportunity.

Our hourly rates do not include any outlays which may be required to be paid on your behalf. These vary depending on the nature of your case and we will discuss them with you at the initial meeting or at the earliest possible opportunity thereafter.

Agreements

There are some services where we can give you an indicative range of costs. These are for the preparation of agreements such as prenuptial agreements or cohabitation agreements.

Depending on the nature and complexity of the agreement, which we will discuss with you at the initial meeting, the likely costs of preparation will range from £800 to £1500 plus VAT and outlay. As we charge on an hourly basis, it may be that the final cost for the agreement will be higher than this if there are complicating factors which we do not foresee at the initial meeting. These could include multiple amendments or more detailed negotiations with your spouse or partner which require us to spend more time on your matter. We will keep you up to date of any likely increases in cost as your transaction moves along.

There may also be outlays payable and our total cost does not include that. These are variable depending on the case and we will keep you advised as the transaction moves along if there are outlays that we don't foresee at our initial meeting.

Fixed fees

We offer two services on a fixed fee basis. These are for simplified divorce and undefended divorce.

Simplified Divorce

We offer this service for a fixed fee of £300 plus VAT and court outlay.

Our fixed fee includes meeting with you or having a telephone consultation and obtaining the relevant information to advise and assess if simplified divorce is appropriate. We would also discuss next steps with you if it is appropriate. Thereafter we would draft the form and arrange signature and also notarise the application. We would then submit the paperwork to the court for you.

The court outlay is £125 however this increases annually. There may be further outlays if service by Sheriff Officers is required on your spouse. Service is usually carried out by Recorded Delivery mail.

Our fixed fee service only covers the services mentioned above. If additional work is required we would have a further discussion with you about that to advise of any additional costs.

Undefended Divorce

We offer this service for £950 plus VAT and court outlays.

Our fixed fee for this includes meeting with you or having a telephone consultation. During that consultation we will obtain relevant information to advise and assess whether undefended divorce is appropriate. If it is appropriate we would thereafter discuss next steps. Our fixed fee thereafter includes drafting the relevant writ and inventory of productions and submitting to the court. It includes serving the papers on your spouse by Recorded Delivery mail. A further charge may be applicable if we require to serve the papers by Sheriff Officers. It also includes the preparation and notarisation of affidavits and thereafter submission of everything to the court with a Minute for Decree.

Court outlays include a Minute for Decree fee which is £70 and an Initial Writ fee which is £159. These fees increase annually. Again, if service by Sheriff Officers is required there is a further cost for this but we will advise you of that and the likely cost if that is required.

Our fixed fee service only covers the services mentioned above. If additional work is required we would have a further discussion with you about that to advise of any additional costs.

Rates and costs are current but may be amended at any time. VAT (Value Added Tax) is currently 20%. Different prices apply for commercial property.

*We are a national law firm with offices in different locations. Prices for this service may vary, depending on staff, office and other variable costs beyond our control. The range of prices shown is intended however to be indicative both of minimum and maximum prices. Details will be clearly set out in your engagement letter and terms of business issued when we are instructed.