

## Family

### Financial Disputes arising out of divorce

Our barristers can advise you if you and your former partner cannot agree on arrangements for your child during, or after, a divorce or separation. For example, you may not be able to agree on where your child lives, when your child spends time with each parent or what school they go to. You may also wish to stop your former partner from making a decision about a child's upbringing.

If you cannot agree with your former partner, you can apply to a court for an order. You may need to attend a number of court hearings – our barristers can represent you in these hearings.

#### *Timescales*

Timescales for your case may vary depending on factors such as barristers' availability, the complexity of your case, how much you have agreed with your former partner and their approach. Written advice will be available within two to four weeks where possible. As a guide, court hearings for an order tend to take six to twelve months. This does not include possible appeals.

#### *Fees*

We charge fixed fees, which means that we will charge you a set amount of money for the work. Below we provide estimates based on the ranges of fixed fees for barristers in No5 Barristers' Chambers. All fees include VAT (where applicable).

Your fixed fees may vary depending on your needs – for example, your fees may be towards the higher end of the range if you need a more experienced barrister and/or you have a more complex case.

If you have a particularly complex case, your fees may also be higher than the estimates below.

<u>Stage of Case</u>	<u>Ranges of fixed fees (estimates)</u>
Written advice / Hourly Rates for drafting of documents or conferences.	£300 - £500 + vat per hour
FDA / First Directions Appointment ( to include preparation of case & also conference if needed)	£1,500 + vat - £3,000 + vat
FDR / Financial Dispute Resolution hearing (to include preparation of case and also conference if needed)	£3,000 + vat - £5,000 + vat
Directions hearing (to include preparation of case and also a conference if needed)	£1,250 + vat - £2,500 + vat
Pre-Hearing review (to include preparation of case and also a conference if needed)	£,1250 + vat - £3,000 + vat
First day of Final hearing	£3,000 + vat - £10, 000 + vat
Refresher days / Court appearance days after the first day of the Finding of Fact or Final hearing.	£1,250 + vat - £3,000 + vat.

All information is correct as of January 2021, but fees are estimates only. For the most accurate fixed fee estimate, please contact the clerks

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