



Fountain Chambers
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Public Access - Financial Remedy Proceedings

Our barristers can advise you if you and your former partner cannot agree on financial matters during or after a divorce. For example, you may not be able to agree on how assets should be divided, whether to see your home or other assets, maintenance payments or pension sharing.

If you cannot agree, you can apply to a court for a financial 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 of factors such as the barristers' availability, the value and complexity of your assets, whether you have children, how much you have already agreed with your former partner and their approach. Written advice on your financial dispute will be available within 21 days where possible. As a guide, court hearings for a financial order tend to take 6 to 12 months. This does not include possible appeals.

Fees

We may charge fixed fees, which means we will charge you a set amount of money for the work. Below we provide estimates based on a range of fixed fees for barristers in Fountain Chambers, where the parties have joint assets which are worth less than £300,000. All fees include VAT (where applicable).

Our barristers are regulated by the Bar Standards Board
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If we charge fixed fees these may be towards the higher end of the range if you need a more experienced barrister. If you have a particularly complex case your fees may also be higher than the estimates below. There are also likely to be additional costs if, for example, a number of meetings are required to undertake your case.

Stage of case	Ranges of fixed fees (estimates)
Written advice on your financial dispute	£350-£750
Preparation of case, including meetings with you (a conference) and assistance with the drafting of any court documents	£300-£650 <i>per occasion</i>
First Appointment (first court hearing exchanging financial information)	£850 –£1200
Financial Dispute Resolution Appointment (second court hearing to reach a financial settlement)	£1200-£1800
First day of final hearing (if no settlement was reach in the Financial Dispute Resolution appointment)	£1500-£2500
Court appearances <i>per day</i> , after the first day of the final hearing	£1000-£1500

There are circumstances where we may agree that an hourly rate is more appropriate. In those circumstances estimates of hourly rates are set out below. The complexity of your case and the seniority of the barrister may affect the hourly rate charged.



Stage of case	Ranges of fixed fees (estimates)
Written advice on your financial dispute	£150-£300
Preparation of case, including meetings with you and assistance with the drafting of any court documents	£150-£300
First Appointment (first court hearing exchanging financial information)	£150-£300
Financial Dispute Resolution Appointment (second court hearing to reach a financial settlement)	£250-£400
First day of final hearing (if no settlement was reach in the Financial Dispute Resolution appointment)	£250-£400
Court appearances <i>per</i> day, after the first day of the final hearing	£150-£300

All information is correct as of 26th March 2021 but fees are estimates only. For a quotation please contact the clerks on family@fountainchambers.co.uk. Please contact the clerks if you and your former partner have joint assets which are worth more than £300,000.