



Cumbria Family Law

Expert advice, affordable solutions...

Hourly rates and fixed fees (from 02.11.21)

Hourly rates	Hourly rate	Plus VAT	Total	Court fees	Total payable
When your case is not covered under a fixed fee we will charge on a time basis for the work undertaken at the hourly applicable to the rate of £190 per hour + VAT.	£190.00	£38.00	£228.00	n/a	£228.00
Grade A - Solicitors and legal executives with over 8 years' experience	£190.00	£38.00	£228.00	n/a	£228.00
Grade B - Solicitors and legal executives with over 4 years' experience	£175.00	£35.00	£210.00	n/a	£210.00
Grade C - Other solicitors or legal executives and fee earners of equivalent experience	£150.00	£30.00	£180.00	n/a	£180.00
Grade D - Trainee solicitors, paralegals and other fee earners	£125.00	£25.00	£150.00	n/a	£150.00

Fixed fee appointment	Fixed fee	Plus VAT	Total fees	Court fees	Total payable
Introductory first 1/2 hour telephone or face to face appointment.	£83.34	£16.66	£100.00	n/a	£100.00

Divorce proceedings	Fixed fee	Plus VAT	Total fees	Court fees*	Total payable
Petitioner - Solicitor managed uncontested divorce including: all work up to and including obtaining the final decree of divorce.	£199.00	£39.80	£238.80	£593.00	£831.80
Applying for a copy of the marriage certificate.	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00	n/a	£60.00
Arranging personal service including: obtaining quotes; instructing process server; liaising with process server; and filing statement of service. Excluding the process servers fees.	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00	n/a	£240.00
Respondent - Help with completing the Acknowledgement of Service and advice about costs implications.	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00	n/a	£240.00
Help with completing Respondent's application for decree absolute (excludes representation at hearing).	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00	£53.00	£293.00

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Applying for a copy of the marriage certificate,	£50.00	£10.00	£60.00	n/a	£60.00
Arranging personal service including: obtaining quotes; instructing process server; liaising with process server; and filing statement of service.	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00	n/a	£240.00
Respondent - Advice and assistance with completing the Acknowledgement of Service and costs implications.	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00	n/a	£96.00
Help with completing application for decree absolute (excludes representation at hearing).	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00	£53.00	£293.00

Children Arrangements Application	Fixed fee	Plus VAT	Total fees	Court fees*	Total payable
First hearing - All work up to first hearing including: preparation of application, issue of application, service of application, conduct of the case, court preparation and representation at first court hearing.	£800.00	£160.00	£960.00	£232.00	£1,192.00
Further hearings - Preparation and representation at further hearings including: court bundle, court preparation and representation (excluding final hearing or finding of fact hearings).	Hourly rate	£0.00	Hourly rate	n/a	Hourly rate
ADDITIONAL BOLT ON FEES (BY AGREEMENT)					
Court orders - Preparation of court orders following hearing including: drafting order, agreeing order, filing and service.	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00	n/a	£240.00
Court bundle - Preparation of court bundle prior to hearing, including: preparation of draft bundle; agreeing bundle; filing and service.	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00	n/a	£240.00
Instructing counsel - Preparation of instructions to counsel and case discussion with counsel as necessary (excludes counsel's fee which is payable in addition)	£600.00	£120.00	£720.00		£720.00
Instructing experts - Preparation of instructions to an expert including: preparation of letter of instruction, agreeing letter, instructing expert, reviewing report and preparation of additional questions.	£600.00	£120.00	£720.00	n/a	£720.00
Statements - Preparation of detailed witness statements including: taking instructions, drafting statement and filing and service.	£800.00	£160.00	£960.00	n/a	£960.00
Finding of fact / Final Hearing	Fees negotiable depending on complexity, hearing length and whether the instruction of counsel is required (counsel's fees are payable in addition).				

Financial proceedings on divorce	Fixed fee	Plus VAT	Total fees	Court fees*	Total payable
First stage - Preparing application and all work up to and including representation at First Directions Appointment.	£2,000.00	£400.00	£2,400.00	£275.00	£2,655.00
Second stage - Assisting you with complying with court directions and preparation for Financial Dispute Resolution appointment excluding representation.	£2,000.00	£400.00	£2,400.00	n/a	£2,400.00
Advocacy at FDR hearing - Representation at Financial Dispute Resolution Hearing if not instructing Counsel.	£1,000.00	£200.00	£1,200.00	n/a	£1,200.00
Third stage - Final Hearing	Fees negotiable depending on complexity, hearing length and whether the instruction of counsel is required (counsel's fees are payable in addition).				
Interim Hearings					
ADDITIONAL BOLT ON FEES (BY AGREEMENT)					
Court orders - Preparation of court orders following hearing including: drafting order, agreeing order, filing and service.	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00	n/a	£240.00
Court bundle - Preparation of court bundle prior to hearing, including: preparation of draft bundle; agreeing bundle; filing and service.	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00	n/a	£240.00
Instructing counsel - Preparation of instructions to counsel and conference with counsel as necessary (excludes counsel's fee which is payable in addition)	£600.00	£120.00	£720.00	n/a	£720.00
Instructing experts - Preparation of instructions to an expert including: preparation of letter of instruction, agreeing letter, instructing expert, reviewing report and preparation of additional questions.	£600.00	£120.00	£720.00	n/a	£720.00
Statements - Preparation of detailed witness statements including: taking instructions, drafting statement and filing and service.	£800.00	£160.00	£960.00	n/a	£960.00

Financial proceedings between cohabiting couples	Fee	Plus VAT	Total fees	Court fees	Total payable
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First stage - Preparing application and all work up to and including representation at First Directions Appointment.	£2,000.00	£400.00	£2,400.00	Depends on value of claim	£2,575.00
Second stage - Assisting you with complying with court directions and representation at Case Management Conference / Resolution appointment.	£2,000.00	£400.00	£2,400.00	n/a	£2,400.00
Third stage - Final Hearing	Fees negotiable depending on complexity, hearing length and whether the instruction of counsel is required (counsel's fees are payable in addition).				
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ADDITIONAL BOLT ON FEES (BY AGREEMENT)					
Court orders - Preparation of court orders following hearing including: drafting order, agreeing order, filing and service.	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00	n/a	£240.00
Court bundle - Preparation of court bundle prior to hearing, including: preparation of draft bundle; agreeing bundle; filing and service.	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00	n/a	£240.00
Instructing counsel - Preparation of instructions to counsel and case discussion with counsel as necessary (excludes counsel's fee which is payable in addition)	£600.00	£120.00	£720.00		£720.00
Instructing experts - Preparation of instructions to an expert including: preparation of letter of instruction, agreeing letter, instructing expert, reviewing report and preparation of additional questions.	£600.00	£120.00	£720.00	n/a	£720.00
Statements - Preparation of detailed witness statements including: taking instructions, drafting statement and filing and service.	£800.00	£160.00	£960.00	n/a	£960.00

Domestic abuse proceedings	Fixed fee	Plus VAT	Total fees	Court fees	Total payable
First stage - Preparing application and all work up to and including representation at First Directions Appointment.	£800.00	£160.00	£960.00	No fee payable	£960.00
Second stage - Assisting you with complying with court directions and representation at Second Hearing (Return Date).	£800.00	£160.00	£960.00	n/a	£960.00
Third stage - Final Hearing	Fees negotiable depending on complexity, hearing length and whether the instruction of counsel is required (counsel's fees are payable in addition).				
Interim Hearings					
ADDITIONAL BOLT ON FEES (BY AGREEMENT)					
Court orders - Preparation of court orders following hearing including: drafting order, agreeing order, filing and service.	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00	n/a	£240.00
Court bundle - Preparation of court bundle prior to hearing, including: preparation of draft bundle; agreeing bundle; filing and service.	£200.00	£40.00	£240.00	n/a	£240.00
Instructing counsel - Preparation of instructions to counsel and case discussion with counsel as necessary (excludes counsel's fee which is payable in addition)	£600.00	£120.00	£720.00		£720.00
Instructing experts - Preparation of instructions to an expert including: preparation of letter of instruction, agreeing letter, instructing expert, reviewing report and preparation of additional questions.	£600.00	£120.00	£720.00	n/a	£720.00
Statements - Preparation of detailed witness statements including: taking instructions, drafting statement and filing and service.	£800.00	£160.00	£960.00	n/a	£960.00

* The court fee is only payable by the Applicant. Subject to financial eligibility you may be able to apply for a fee exemption or