



Cumbria Family Law

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Fixed Fees (from 21.03.16)

Hourly rates	Fixed fee	Plus VAT	Total fees	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 our hourly rate of £160 per hour + VAT.	£160.00	£32.00	£192.00	n/a	£192.00

Initial appointment	Fixed fee	Plus VAT	Total fees	Court fees	Total payable
Introductory first 1/2 hour telephone or face to face appointment.	£70.00	£14.00	£84.00	n/a	£84.00

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	£550.00	£788.80
Applying for a copy of the marriage certificate.	£25.00	£5.00	£30.00	n/a	£30.00
Arranging personal service including: obtaining quotes; instructing process server; liaising with process server; and filing statement of service.	£80.00	£16.00	£96.00	n/a	£96.00
Respondent - Help with completing the Acknowledgement of Service and advice about costs implications.	£80.00	£16.00	£96.00	n/a	£96.00
Help with completing application for decree absolute (excludes representation at hearing).	£160.00	£32.00	£192.00	£50.00	£242.00

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Applying for a copy of the marriage certificate,	£25.00	£5.00	£30.00	n/a	£30.00
Arranging personal service including: obtaining quotes; instructing process server; liaising with process server; and filing statement of service.	£80.00	£16.00	£96.00	n/a	£96.00
Respondent - Advice and assistance with completing the Acknowledgement of Service and costs implications.	£80.00	£16.00	£96.00	n/a	£96.00
Help with completing application for decree absolute (excludes representation at hearing).	£160.00	£32.00	£192.00	£50.00	£242.00

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.	£480.00	£96.00	£576.00	£215.00	£791.00
Further hearings - Preparation and representation at further hearings including: court bundle, court preparation and representation (excluding final hearing or finding of fact hearings).	£480.00	£96.00	£576.00	n/a	£576.00
ADDITIONAL BOLT ON FEES					
Court orders - Preparation of court orders following hearing including: drafting order, agreeing order, filing and service.	£160.00	£32.00	£192.00	n/a	£192.00

Instructing counsel - Preparation of instructions to counsel and case discussion with counsel as necessary (excludes counsel's fee which is payable in addition)	£320.00	£64.00	£384.00		£384.00
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.	£320.00	£64.00	£384.00	n/a	£384.00
Statements - Preparation of witness statements including: taking instructions, drafting statement and filing and service.	£480.00	£96.00	£576.00	n/a	£576.00
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.	£1,600.00	£320.00	£1,920.00	£255.00	£2,175.00
Second stage - Assisting you with complying with court directions and representation at Financial Dispute Resolution appointment.	£1,600.00	£320.00	£1,920.00	n/a	£1,920.00
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					

Financial proceedings between cohabiting couples	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.	£1,600.00	£320.00	£1,920.00	£175.00	£2,095.00
Second stage - Assisting you with complying with court directions and representation at Case Management Conference Resolution appointment.	£1,600.00	£320.00	£1,920.00	n/a	£1,920.00
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					

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.	£480.00	£96.00	£576.00	£0.00	£576.00
Second stage - Assisting you with complying with court directions and representation at Second Hearing (Return Date).	£480.00	£96.00	£576.00	n/a	£576.00
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					

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