



**Atherton
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SOLICITORS

Fixed Fee packages - Children

Fixed Fee Initial Advice	£75.00 + VAT
Children matters: Preparation of Application to Court	£450.00 + VAT
Children matters: Respondent in application	£350.00 + VAT
Advice in Support of Mediation	£200.00 + VAT
Advice in Support of Mediation – Agreement Reached	£175.00 + VAT plus court fees
Attending Case Conference	£350.00 + VAT (plus travel if outside Doncaster)

First Meeting – Fixed Fee Initial Advice

What is included?

-)] Up to 30 minutes meeting with experienced family lawyer who will provide tailored advice
-)] Copy of attendance note detailing advice given
-)] Relevant information sheets

What is not included?

-)] Any correspondence or follow up work

Cost: our fees £75 + VAT £15 – total £90

Payment: £90 at the meeting

Children Matters: Preparation of Application to Court

What is included?

-)] One meeting
-)] Drafting C100 form (and any others, as advised)
-)] Providing you with C100 form and 3 copies
-)] Advising on steps required to issue the application

What is not included?

-)] Filing the application with the court
-)] Payment of court fee – currently £215
-)] Serving the other party with the application
-)] Advice on Schedule 2 letter
-)] Representation at court

Cost: our fees £450 plus VAT £90 – total £540

Payment: £540 at first appointment

Representation at court will be charged at our standard hourly rates.

Children Matters: Respondent in Application to Court

What is included?

-) One meeting
-) Responding to C100 (and C1A) application if so advised
-) Confirmation of advice by letter / email

What is not included?

-) Advice on Schedule 2 letter
-) Representation at court

Costs: our fees £350 plus VAT £70 – total £420

Payment: £420 at first appointment

Representation at court will be charged at our standard hourly rates

Attending at a Case Conference

What is included?

-) Attending at any Doncaster Social Services office for a case conference
-) Travel to the meeting and waiting time
-) Discussions with you prior to and after the meeting

What is not included?

-) Attendance at any further meeting or representation at court
-) Advice regarding any related matter such as divorce, finances or domestic violence

Cost: our fees £350 plus VAT £70 – total £420

Payment: £240 at first appointment, balance £180 before case conference

Advice in Support of Mediation

If you are discussing matters in mediation, you may require some legal advice, both before the mediation starts to give you an idea of your rights and entitlements and after mediation meetings to advise on issues that have been discussed and proposals you are considering.

What is included?

-) One meeting
-) One telephone consultation
-) Up to 4 letters

What is not included?

-) The drafting of a court order or formal agreement
-) Negotiations with the other party
-) Collating and detailed consideration of information needed

Cost: our fees £200 plus VAT £40 – total £240

Payment: £240 at the meeting

Advice in Support of Mediation – Agreement Reached

If you reach agreement it is usually advisable to embody this in an agreed court order or a formal separation agreement. We will do this for you on a fixed fee basis, assuming that you have agreed all issues in mediation and have the mediator's summary of proposals and schedule of all relevant financial information.

What is included?

-) Consideration of the agreed documents and financial information
-) Preparation of the documentation to enable a court order to be made
-) Submission of the completed documentation to the court
-) Sending copies of the order to anyone required to be served with it, or
-) If a court order is not to be made, preparation of formal agreement

What is not included?

-) Any negotiations to change or clarify agreements
-) Gathering any missing information

Cost: our fees £175 plus VAT £35 – total £210 plus court fee £25 if an order is to be made

IMPORTANT

Any delay, whether caused by you or another party, unforeseen events or disputed issues will result in additional work and costs to those detailed in these packages.

We will advise you if this happens and provide you with an estimate of the likely additional costs.

In the event that we are carrying out work under one of the above fixed fee packages, and, for whatever reason, your case does not proceed or is not concluded, we will charge you for the work carried out on your behalf using our hourly rates. If we apply the hourly rate and this exceeds the fixed fee rate provided, the fixed fee rate will be honoured.

In the event that we are carrying out work in respect of the DIY Divorce package and your case is not concluded for any reason, the fee is non-refundable.

In the event of any increase in court fees during the course of the matter we will notify you of the change and you will be responsible for payment of the increased fee.

Other options

If our fixed fee package is not appropriate for your case we will give you an estimate of our charges on an hourly rate.

We will keep you up to date on the costs being incurred and provide regular interim bills so you are aware of the progress of your case and the payments that need to be made.

What we ask of you

Our agreement to carry out work for a fixed fee is on the basis that you will:

-) Keep any appointments you make to see us
-) Provide us with any information and documentation we need promptly and in order
-) Let us know immediately if there is any relevant change of circumstances
-) Provide us with clear and consistent instructions

If the other party does not co-operate this may affect our ability to continue to act on a fixed fee basis, but if this were to happen we would discuss it with you and find the best solution.