

# Divorce Fees



We provide practical advice to both Petitioners and Respondents of divorce proceedings.

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The fees as set out below are a general indication of the costs involved in petitioning or contesting divorce petitions. No circumstances are the same therefore we will work to tailor our fees to your own requirements and the particular circumstances of your case. In order to obtain an accurate indication of costs, please give us a call, and one of our solicitors will discuss your case with you.

## Our Fees

We offer a fixed fee of £1,330.00 (including VAT) which is broken down into two parts, up until the point of the decree nisi;

1. Our fee of £780.00 (including VAT);
2. The Court Fee of £550.00 to file the Divorce Petition).

The above fixed fee is to undertake the following:

- Initial detailed instructions regarding the marriage breakdown;
- Advising on the grounds for divorce;
- Preparing the divorce papers and considering a claim for costs;
- Considering whether to agree to the petition/grounds for divorce with the other side;
- Issue the papers and preparing the further documents to progress the divorce;
- Advising on whether the Decree Absolute should be delayed;
- Update you by telephone or in writing with the progress on your matter, as

The above fixed fee has been calculated on the basis of the following assumptions:

- That the case is not defended in any way;
- That a process server is not instructed or that there are no difficulties with service/responses from the opponent;
- No third party is added to the proceedings;
- There are no legal issues raised, which require the filing of statements or other evidence.

On the assumption that there are no unforeseen difficulties (including no problems relating to service of documents) and assuming the usual level of contact with you, the Court and the other party we are able to deal with the divorce procedure on a fixed fee.

If additional levels of client care are required, there are unforeseen difficulties or there is an unusually high level of contact from the other party, then our fees will be charged on a hourly basis. We will advise you as soon as it is clear that a departure from the fixed fee is required.

Timings for payment of costs: £500.00 at the outset of your case and a further £550.00 before the divorce petition is filed at Court. At the point of applying for Decree Nisi, you will be asked for the balance of £280.00.

## Disbursements

It is inevitable that we will incur some "disbursements". These are specific payments made on your behalf. The most substantial ones are likely to be court fees, process server fees, expert's fees and barrister's fees. VAT has to be added to most disbursements. If you ask us to, we will consult you to discuss the likely charges before instructing a barrister or expert. But you should budget for the following extra payments:

- As above the Court Fee for filing the Divorce Petition is currently £550.00 (please note the court fees may from time to time be increased by HMCTS (Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service). If the court fee changes, we will notify you of the increased fee.

- Fee for Marriage Certificate if it is not provided of £15.00.
- Process Servers fees if this becomes necessary estimated at £200.00.

### Timescales

Timescales for divorce matters can vary significantly. The process is likely to take between 4-9 months from start to completion. Please bear in mind that more complex matters are likely to take longer to conclude than more straightforward claims. Other factors outside your control may affect the timescales such as:

- Delays at the Court;
- Delays in receiving/sending paperwork to the Court;
- How quickly and efficiently you provide us with your instructions;
- Delays in your spouse responding to paperwork.

For more information, please seek advice from one of our specialist legal team.

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