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Family Law

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If your relationship has broken down and you have decided you want to get divorced, or you want some initial advice to help you understand the way forward, we understand that you want professional advice promptly - and you want to know how much it will cost.

When a matter is complex or your spouse defends proceedings it is not easy to predict the actual final cost of the divorce as it all depends on the amount of work that has to be carried out by your Solicitor and the Courts. Where the divorce is agreed by you and your spouse, costs are easier to predict and in these cases Taylor Bracewell is pleased to offer you a range of fixed fee divorce packages to help you through the divorce procedure and with other family related issues. You can choose which package(s) you want to take up based on the amount of advice and help you need or on your budget. Our services are described below.

1. PRELIMINARY ADVICE MEETING

What you get:

- 1 hour meeting with Partner and Head of the Family Department Alison Straw with 20 years experience of family law issues.
- Notes from the meeting summarising instructions given, full range of future options and advice tailored to meet your specific needs and aspirations.
- Allocation to a member of our experienced Family Team who will be your dedicated lawyer for future work.
- Clear and transparent estimate of fees for future work identified.

Cost:

Our fees £150 plus VAT (£30)

Total £180



Payment:

£180 payable at or before the meeting. We can accept payment in cash, cheque or debit/credit card.

What you need to do:

- Provide 2 forms of identification at the meeting
- Prepare for the meeting. We will direct you to our website where you can find testimonials of our service and tips for preparing for our meeting, or we can provide hard copies if you prefer.

2. DIVORCE

What you get:

- One meeting with your dedicated Family Lawyer.
- Preparation and issue of Divorce Petition and Statement of Arrangements for Children.
- Updates by letter/email.
- Telephone support.
- Decree Nisi/Certificate of Satisfaction (Children)
- Decree Absolute.

Cost:

Our fees £500.00 plus VAT (£100.00)

Court fees £385.00

Total cost £985.00



Payment:

£500 in advance and the balance before we request Decree Nisi. We can accept payment in cash, cheque or debit/credit card.

What is not covered:

- Obtaining certified copy of marriage certificate if needed - £9.00.
- Swearing of Affidavit in Support of the Divorce Petition (if not sworn at Court) - £9.00.
- Enquiry agent fees should the divorce papers have to be served on your spouse personally.
- The fee for the preliminary advice meeting.
- **Should there be any delay by either you or your ex- spouse, unforeseen events or contested issues this will involve extra work. In this case we will give you an estimate of what any extra costs are likely to be.**

3. FINANCIAL CLEAN BREAK

What you get:

- Simple agreed financial terms.
- Meeting with your dedicated Family Lawyer to discuss finance.
- Letter to spouse and spouse's Solicitor.
- Draft Agreement.
- Meeting to approve and sign the draft Agreement and complete Statement of Information.
- Documents filed at Court.
- Final Order.



Cost:

Our fees £450.00 plus VAT (£90.00)

Court fees £45.00

Total cost £585.00

Payment:

£585 in advance. We can accept payment in cash, cheque or debit/credit card.

What is not covered:

- The fee for the preliminary advice meeting.
- Should there be any delay by either you or your ex- spouse, unforeseen events or contested issues this will involve extra work. In this case we will give you an estimate of what any extra costs are likely to be.

So the total cost to obtain a divorce (uncontested) and a simple agreed financial clean break is £1570.00 including Court fees and VAT.

4. CHILDREN MATTERS

What you get:

- One meeting with your dedicated Family Lawyer
- Negotiate and agree terms with your ex former partner/spouse.
- Up to 6 letters and 6 telephone calls.

Cost:

Our fees £300.00 plus VAT (£60.00)

Total cost £360.00



Payment:

£360 payable in advance. We can accept payment in cash, cheque or debit/credit card.

What is not covered:

- The fee for the preliminary advice meeting.
- **Should there be any delay by either you or your ex- spouse, unforeseen events or contested issues this will involve extra work. In this case we will give you an estimate of what any extra costs are likely to be.**

5. APPLICATION TO COURT ON CHILDREN MATTERS

What you get:

- One meeting with your dedicated Family Lawyer.
- Preparation of the application and filing with the Court.
- Attend First Hearing and report outcome.
- Advise next steps.

Cost:

Our fees £850.00 plus VAT (£170.00)

Court fees Usually £225.00

Total cost £1,245.00

Payment:

£750 in advance with the balance to be paid within 28 days of invoice. We can accept payment in cash, cheque or debit/credit card.



What is not covered:

- The fee for the preliminary advice meeting.
- Other costs such as Enquiry Agent fees and Barrister fees may be applicable with an application to Court. In this case we will offer our best estimate of what these costs will be.
- Should there be any delay by either you or your ex-spouse, unforeseen events or contested issues this will involve extra work. In this case we will give you an estimate of what any extra costs are likely to be.

6. INJUNCTION

What you get:

- One meeting with your allocated Family Lawyer.
- Preparation of the Injunction and filing with the Court.
- Attend First Hearing and report outcome.
- Advise next steps.

Cost:

Our fees £850.00 plus VAT of £170.00

Court fees £70.00

Total cost £1,090.00

Payment:

£750 payable in advance with the balance to be paid within 28 days of invoice. We can accept payment in cash, cheque or debit/credit card.



What is not covered:

- Other costs such as Enquiry Agent fees and Barrister fees may be applicable with an application to Court. In this case we will offer our best estimate of what these costs will be.
- Should there be any delay by either you or your ex-spouse, unforeseen events or contested issues this will involve extra work. In this case we will give you an estimate of what any extra costs are likely to be.

7. CHANGE OF NAME DEED

Cost

Single Change of Name Deed £125.00 plus VAT (£25.00)

Total cost £150.00

2 change of name deeds £175.00 plus VAT (£35.00)

Total cost £210.00

Payment:

Full payment in advance at or before the meeting. We can accept payment in cash, cheque or debit/credit card.

OTHER OPTIONS

If our fixed cost services are not appropriate for your requirements we can also work on an hourly rate for any work that you need undertaking.

In this case we will work in a 'pay as you go' consultative capacity and will ensure that you are kept up to date with regular bills, usually monthly or after any significant step. In order to continue working on your matter, we will require payment within 28 days of any invoice.

In some cases we may be able to seek interim maintenance which can include legal fees.



OUR FAMILY LAWYERS

Alison Straw

Alison is a partner at Taylor Bracewell and head of our family department. She has 22 years' experience as a Family Law Specialist. Alison has previously worked for a National Law Firm for 18 years. She is a member of the Family Law Group Resolution of which she is an Accredited Specialist in Divorce and Finance. She is also Chair of the South Yorkshire Division of Resolution.

Alison is a member of the Law Society's Children Panel and is also a qualified Collaborative Lawyer. Alison's clients regard her as a pragmatic commonsense lawyer applying her expertise in a collaborative manner where the clients prefers this, or in a robust manner where the situation demands it. She is supported in Taylor Bracewell's family law team by Nicola Taylor and David Lister.

Nicola Taylor

Nicola is a Fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives with 10 years' experience in Family Law. She is known as the 'listening lawyer' who gives clear and practical advice in order to achieve client focussed solutions, on time and within budget.

David Lister

David is a Trainee Solicitor and has 2 years' experience in family matters. He is an articulate advocate and passionate about achieving results for clients. He is definitely one to have on your side when you need someone to fight your corner...



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