

Financial disputes arising out of divorce

If you and your former partner cannot agree on financial matters during, or after, a divorce, our barristers can advise you. For example, you may not be able to agree on how assets should be divided, whether to sell your home, or other assets, claimable maintenance payments, or pension sharing.

If you cannot agree, you can apply to a court for a financial order. You may need to attend a number of court hearings – our barristers can also represent you in these hearings.

Timescales

Timescales for your case may vary depending on factors such as barristers' availability, the value and complexity of your assets, whether you have children, how much you have already agreed with your former partner, and their approach to these financial matters. We can provide you with a written advice on your financial dispute, which will normally be available within two to four weeks where possible. As a guide, court hearings for a financial order tend to take six to twelve months, but this does not include possible appeals.

Fees

We may charge fixed fees, which means that we will charge you a set amount of money for the work carried out on your behalf. Below we provide estimates based on the ranges of fixed fees for barristers, where the parties have joint assets which are worth less than £300,000, all fees include VAT (where applicable). If we charge fixed fees, these may be towards the higher end of the range if you need a more experienced barrister. If you have a particularly complex case, your fees may also be higher than the estimates we provide.

Additional costs

There are also likely to be additional costs, for example, for time spent in correspondence, via telephone/video conference, expenses, instructing an expert. You may be required to pay additional costs, if for example, the case requires court hearings, to pay Court Issue fee. Details of these can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/court-fees-what-they-are>. Additional costs such as

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| Family: Financial Disputes arising out of a Divorce | |
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| Stage of Case | Ranges of fixed fees (estimates) |
| Written Advice on financial dispute | £750-£1500 |
| Drafting Court Application | £350-£1500 |
| Advising by telephone/video conference | £350-£1500 |
| Conference (face to face) | £350-£1500 |
| Drafting Statement | £750-£1500 |
| Review of Statement | £250-£750 |
| First Appointment (first court hearing exchanging financial information) | £400-£1750 |
| Interim/Directions Hearing (if parties cannot agree, to arrange final hearing) | £400-£2000 |
| Pre-Hearing Review to ensure the case is ready for the final hearing | £400-£1500 |
| First day of final hearing (if no settlement was reached in the financial dispute resolution appointment) | £1000-£3000 |
| Court appearances per day, after the first day of the final hearing | £500-£1500 |

CONTACT US

All information is correct as of 01/05/2022, but fees are estimates only. For a quotation, please contact the legal team on 0207 732 9973, or e-mail: londonsouth.chambers@yahoo.co.uk

Please also contact the legal team if you and your former partner have joint assets which are worth more than £300,000