



## **DEAL CHAMBERS**

### **PUBLIC ACCESS – FINANCIAL DISPUTES IN DIVORCE**

#### ***Our Service***

We can advise and represent you in court, if you and your former partner cannot agree on financial matters during, or after, a divorce. For example, you may not be able to agree on how assets should be divided, whether to sell your home or other assets, 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 and we can represent you in these hearings.

We can guide you through the court process, advising on pre-litigation negotiation and mediation and advising and representing you at the first appointment, the financial dispute resolution hearing and at any final hearing.

#### ***Timescales***

Timescales for your case may vary depending on factors such as barristers' availability, the complexity of your case, whether you have children, how much you have already agreed with your former partner, and their approach. As a guide written advice on your case will be available within 2 to 4 weeks where possible. As a guide, court hearings for a financial order tendency take 6 to 12 months. This does not include possible appeals.

#### ***Fees***

In most cases we charge fixed fees for our work. (which means that we will charge you a set amount of money for each piece of work we undertake). Below we have provided estimates based on the range of fixed fees dependent on the complexity and time required.

All fees exclude VAT, and it is likely you will have to pay VAT, in addition to the fee at the current rate, which is presently 20%.

There may also be additional costs for any administrative work involved, such as copying or where you agree to engage another person to assist with your case, such as a paralegal.

If we quote a fixed fee it will only be to undertake that particular piece of work. There are likely to be many different pieces of work involved in a case such as representation at hearings, advising in conference and in writing and drafting documents. We will always quote separately for each piece of work.

### ***Fixed Fees***

| <b>Stage of Case</b>   | <b>Range of fixed fees (estimates)</b>   |
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| Preliminary conference   | £750-£4,000  |
| Written advice on your case  | £750-£4,000  |
| Preparation of case, including meetings with you and assistance with drafting of any Court documents | The fixed fee would be calculated at the hourly rate multiplied by the number of hours work required £450. |
| First appointment hearing  | £750-£4,400  |
| Financial dispute resolution hearing   | £1,000-£4,000  |
| First Day of Final Hearing   | £1,500-£4,000  |
| Subsequent days of Final Hearing (per day)   | £850-£4,000  |

Please note that we cannot conduct litigation on your behalf. This means that we cannot (for example) issue applications for you at court, and pay issue fees.

### ***Contact Us***

All information is correct as of March 2025. But fees are estimates only. For a quotation please contact Timothy Deal on 07774 759 382 or [timothy.deal@dealchambers.com](mailto:timothy.deal@dealchambers.com).