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Fixed Fee Guide



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What areas of work can we offer under a fixed fee?

We offer advice and a range of services in relation to all areas of family law including:-

- Adoption
- Change of Name Deeds
- Care Proceedings
- Civil Partnerships
- Cohabitee Disputes
- Domestic Abuse
- Grandparents' rights
- Pre-Nuptial Arrangements
- Parental responsibility
- Parental abduction
- Financial Matters
- Divorce/Separation
- Injunctions/Non-Molestation
- Specific Issue Orders
- Prohibited Steps Orders

We will check whether legal aid is still available for your case but if not then we may be able to offer a fixed fee service.

What is a fixed fee?

A fixed fee is exactly what it sounds like. We will agree to undertake a specific piece of work at a fixed price. We will agree with you what we will do and fix the price.

Any legal issue involving your family or a relationship breakdown is stressful and can be an expensive experience. We aim to provide our clients with certainty on costs so wherever possible we will offer a fixed fee.

Our fixed fees are aimed at keeping the strain that our clients face to a minimum. Our clients can have the certainty of knowing exactly how much their costs are.

Not all work is suitable for a fixed fee and if this applies to your case we will advise you accordingly. In these cases then we will be able to give an estimate of our fee and we will not exceed this estimate without your agreement.

How does the fixed fee work?

Your case will be considered by one of our experienced staff. We will then agree the action that we will take and provide the fee that will be charged. We can offer a fixed fee for different stages of your case and you can purchase all or some stages to suit your individual needs or a package to deal with the whole of your case.

Unlike other firms you do not need to instruct us to deal with your whole case but can purchase legal advice for certain stages which you find difficult to deal with.

We can offer a fixed fee to deal with all aspects of your case, including Court proceedings. You can limit your costs up to the stage that is purchased and then you have the choice whether or not to purchase the next stage. You have the control over how much your costs are.

There are always occasions when the unexpected occurs and additional work is required. We will tell you immediately if this happens and no further cost is incurred until a further fee agreement is agreed.

Variations from the fixed fee can also occur if the work needed changes significantly. Your solicitor will consider the change and impact on your case. If the change means that the work required falls outside your agreed action you will be notified in writing and given the option of a new fee arrangement.

Financial Settlements

All finance work will be undertaken at an hourly rate only.

Hourly rates are set out within the general section.

Fees

General	Fee	VAT	Total
Initial consultation and assessment of case with a solicitor/head of department and a letter to the other side	£250	£50	£300
Initial consultation and assessment of case with a trainee solicitor and a letter to the other side.	£200	£40	£240
Initial consultation and assessment of case with a Paralegal and a letter to the other side.	£180	£36	£200
Change of name deed - Adult Only	£100	£20	£120
Change of name deed - Child Only	£100	£20	£120

Injunction/Protection	Fee	VAT	Total
Preparation of non-molestation/occupation application & supporting documents up to & including lodgement at court.	£500	£100	£600
Representation without notice hearing.	£400	£80	£480
Representation at a return date.	£400	£80	£480
Representation at final hearing.	£TBC	£TBC	£TBC
First consultation including considering papers (Respondent).	£300	£60	£360

Divorce/Separation	Fee	VAT	Disbursements	Total
Divorce -Petitioner - Uncontested	£400	£80	£550	£1030
Divorce - Respondent - Uncontested	£200	£40		£240
Dissolution of Civil Partnership	£400	£80	£550	£1030

Meet the Team



Jannine Jenkins - Head of Department

Jannine graduated from Bolton University in 2002 with a BA Hons degree in law and psychology. She then completed the GDL through the College of Law and completed this in 2005. Jannine then completed her LPC at the College of Law, Chester and completed this course in 2008. Jannine qualified as a Solicitor in 2008.

Jannine joined the firm in May 2019 in the family law department with a particular interest in children matters including private and public law. Jannine also deals with divorce and financial settlements arising from divorce or separation. She is approachable and understanding and is able to guide clients through very difficult times. Jannine is the head of our Family Law division.



Jayde Meredith- Head of Department

Jayde is a Solicitor, specialising in Children Law.

She is a member of the Law Society's Children Panel which enables her to represent children in both public and private law disputes. Further, she is Resolution Accredited in both Private Children Law and Domestic Abuse.

Jayde has experience representing parents and extended family members facing serious allegations in all aspects of public law including complex cases which feature neglect, domestic abuse, non-accidental injury, and sexual abuse. Further, she represent parents who find themselves in childcare disputes following the breakdown of their relationship. Jayde is pragmatic in her approach to finding a solution to ensure relationships between children, their parents and extended family are promoted.



Alice Morrow - Solicitor

Alice graduated from University of Liverpool in 2020 with a degree in Law and is currently studying her Legal Practice Course at the University of Law.

Alice joined Levins as a Paralegal in the Family Department in November 2022, having previously worked in Mental Health and Human Rights law.

Alice has a keen interest in Family Law, particularly in relation to injunctions and divorce proceedings.

Alice assists the solicitors within the department and often attends court to support clients.



Lauren Halsall - Trainee Solicitor

Lauren is a Family Law paralegal at JR Levins Solicitors. She completed her law degree at Leeds Beckett University in 2018 with LLB Hons, and has recently achieved her Legal Practice Course with Msc Masters.

Alongside her legal education, Lauren has gained a vast amount of client care experience dealing with serious and emotional matters, as well as general advice in multiple areas of law. She has developed strong communication skills providing attention to detail and professional empathy to assist and support clients through their cases. Lauren prides herself on her ability to understand her client's needs to ensure she provides an excellent service.



Cheryl Quilliam - Legal Assistant

Cheryl started working for Levins Solicitors in 2017 originally as front of house receptionist, then moving to the family department as a legal assistant.

Cheryl supports the fee earners and also assists with the administration duties. Cheryl also attends Court to support clients and Counsel when required.

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