



# Taylor *Bracewell*

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## Family fees information

### First Meeting

**£230 plus VAT**

#### **Fee includes:**

- 1 – 1½ hour meeting
- Notes from the meeting summarising instructions given, full range of future options and advice tailored to meet your specific needs and aspirations.
- First letter out, if required.
- 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	£230 plus VAT (£46)
Total	£276

### Fixed Fee advice – 30 minutes

**£75.00 plus VAT**

#### Fee includes:

- Up to 30 minutes meeting with a member of our experienced Family Team who will provide advice tailored to your needs
- Written confirmation of advice
- Clear and transparent estimate of fees for future work identified

#### **Cost:**

Our fees	£75 plus VAT (£15)
Total	£90

### Divorce as Petitioner

**£600 plus VAT plus Court fees**

#### **Fee includes:**

- One meeting with your dedicated Family Lawyer
- Preparation and issue of Divorce Petition
- Updates by letter/email
- Telephone support
- Decree Nisi
- Decree Absolute

#### **Cost:**

Our fees	£600 plus VAT (£120)
Court fees	£550
Total cost	£1,270

**Payment:**

£480 at the first appointment. The Court fee of £550 is payable on lodging the Petition. £240 on signing application for Decree Nisi.

**What is NOT included:**

- Obtaining certified copy of marriage certificate (£15.50 if required immediately or £11 for 5 day service).
- Enquiry agent fees should the divorce papers need to be served on your spouse personally.
- The fee for the preliminary advice meeting.
- Detailed advice in relation to financial or children matters
- Enforcement of any costs order made
- 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.

Timescale: 6 to 8 months

**Divorce as Respondent**

**£350 plus VAT**

**Fee includes:**

- One meeting with your dedicated family lawyer
- Preparation of Acknowledgement of service
- Updates by letter/email
- Decree Nisi
- Decree Absolute

**Cost:**

Our fees	£350 plus VAT (£70)
Total cost	£420

**Payment**

£420 payable at the first appointment.

**What is NOT included**

- Enforcement of any costs order made
- Detailed advice in relation to financial or children matters
- 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.

**Timescale:** 6 to 8 months

**Financial Consent Order/Clean break order**

**£675 plus VAT plus half Court fees**

**Fee includes:**

- One meeting with your dedicated Family Lawyer to discuss finance
- Confirmation in letter of agreed financial terms
- Letter to spouse/spouse's Solicitor.
- Draft Agreement.
- One further meeting to approve and sign the draft Agreement and complete Statement of Information.
- Documents filed at Court.
- Final Order

**Cost:**

Our fees	£675 plus VAT (£135)
Court fees	£50 (usual to pay half each at £25)
Total cost	£835

**Payment:**

£480 at the first appointment and £355 on signing the consent application.

**What is NOT included:**

- 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.
- There may also be an additional fee of £100 plus VAT if we are required to attend at our local Court. In some circumstances the Judge may list the matter for a short hearing, usually if a matter needs clarification or if one party is unrepresented.
- Advice on the merits of terms of agreement without first obtaining full financial disclosure. You will be requested to sign a disclaimer confirming the limits of our retainer.
- Implementation of any pension sharing order made
- If matters are not already agreed and we are required to undertake work and correspond with your ex-spouse to negotiate and agree terms, then our individual hourly rates will apply.

**Timescale:** 6 to 12 weeks

**Injunction**

**£900 plus VAT No Court fee**

**Fee includes:**

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

**Cost:**

Our fees	£850 plus VAT of £170
Total cost	£1,020

**Payment:**

Fee payable in advance.

**What is NOT included:**

- 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.

**Timescale:** 1 to 4 weeks

**Change of Name Deed**

**£125 plus VAT**

**Cost:**

Single Change of Name Deed	£125 plus VAT (£25)
Total cost	£150
2 Change of Name Deeds	£175 plus VAT (£35)
Total cost	£210

**Payment:**

Fee in advance, at or before the meeting.

**Timescale:** 1 week

**Living Together Agreement**

**£500 - £1,110 plus VAT**

**Assets valued at less than £250,000 net**

**Fee included:**

- Meeting with your dedicated Family Lawyer
- Living Together Agreement
- Telephone/email advice and support to finalise the documents
- Meeting to approve and sign

**Cost:**

Our fees	£500 - £1,100 plus VAT to be advised dependent on specific circumstances.
Total cost	£600 - £1,320

**Payment:**

Fee in advance.

**What is NOT included:**

- Should there be any delay by either you or your partner, 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.

**Timescale:** 2 to 4 weeks

## **Separation Deed**

**£500- £1,110 plus VAT**

### **Fee includes:**

- Meeting with your dedicated Family Lawyer
- Draft Separation Deed
- Telephone advice and support to finalise the document
- Meeting to approve and sign

### **Cost:**

Our fees            £500 - £1,100 plus VAT to be advised dependent on specific circumstances  
Total Cost        £600 - £1,320

### **Payment:**

Fee in advance.

### **What is NOT included:**

- Should there be any delay by either you or your partner, 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

**Timescale:** 2 to 4 weeks

## **Child arrangements**

**£500 plus VAT**

### **Fee includes:**

- One meeting with your dedicated family lawyer
- Drafting Form C100 (and any others as required)
- Sending you the Form C100 and 3 copies
- Advising on procedure for lodging the application at court

### **Cost:**

Our fees:            £500 plus VAT (£100)  
Total cost:         £600

### **Payment**

£600 payable at the first appointment.

### **What is NOT included:**

- Sending the application to court
- Serving the application on the other party
- Payment of the court fee
- Advising on further documents e.g schedule 2 letter
- Attendance at court
- The fee for the preliminary advice meeting
- Should there be any delay either by 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.

**Timescale:** 1 to 2 weeks

## **Statutory Declaration**

**£250 plus VAT**

### **Fee includes:**

- Meeting with you dedicated Family Lawyer
- Preparation of Statutory Declaration
- Telephone/email advice and support to finalise the documents
- Meeting to approve and sign

### **Cost:**

Single Statutory Declaration £250 plus VAT (£50) total cost £300

2 Statutory Declarations £325 plus VAT (£65) total cost £390.

### **What is NOT included:**

- Should there be any delay by either you or your partner, 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.

### **Payment:**

Fee in advance.

**Timescale:** 1 to 2 weeks

### **All fees**

In the event we are dealing with matters on the basis of one of the above fixed fees and for any reason your matter is not concluded, we will charge for any work undertaken on the basis of our hourly rate. Once applied, should this exceed the amount of the total fixed fee, there will be no additional charge. The second instalment of the fixed fee may be payable. Should the amount be less than the fixed fee paid, a refund will be made.

### **Other Options**

When our fixed cost services are not appropriate for your requirements we can also work on an hourly rate basis.

We will provide you with an estimate of costs at the outset, send to you regular interim bills, usually on a monthly basis or after a significant step and review our costs estimate at least once every 6 months.

We are also able to offer advice and representation to enable you to deal with specific stages or aspects of Court Proceedings. In these circumstances we will work on a 'pay as you go' basis and ensure that you are kept up to date with regular bills, usually monthly or after any significant step. However, we shall not be held responsible for unexpected outcomes which fall outside the scope of our limited retainer.