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Fixed Fee Family Law Services Effective from 8th April 2025

1.	First Meeting and letter	£300.00 plus VAT (£360.00)
2.	Fixed Fee advice – 45 minutes	£150.00 plus VAT (£180.00)
3.	Divorce as Applicant	£625.00 plus VAT plus Court fees (£612) (£1,362)
4.	Divorce as Respondent	£350.00 plus VAT (£420.00)
5.	Financial Consent Order (limited assets)	£800.00 plus VAT plus half Court fees (£30.00) Total (£990.00)
6.	Change of Name Deed	£300.00 plus VAT (£360.00)
7.	Change of name Deed for A child	£350.00 plus VAT (£420.00)
8.	Living Together Agreement (limited assets)	£600.00 - £1,100.00 plus VAT
9.	Separation Deed (limited assets)	£600.00 - £1,100.00 plus VAT
10.	ID Search for all matters above	£10.00 plus VAT (£12.00)

For more information, please see below

1. **First Meeting**

What you get:

- 1 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: £300.00 plus VAT (£60.00)

Total: £360.00

Payment:

Fee payable at or before the meeting. We can accept payment in cash, cheque or debit card.

What you need to do:

- Provide ID questionnaire and 2 forms of identification for the meeting

2. **Fixed Fee Advice meeting – 45 minutes**

What you get

- Up to 45 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: £150.00 plus VAT (£30.00)

Total: £180.00

Payment:

Fee payable at or before the meeting. We can accept payment in cash, cheque or debit card.

What you need to do:

- Provide ID questionnaire and 2 forms of identification for the meeting

3. **Divorce as Applicant**

What you get:

- One meeting with your dedicated Family Lawyer
- Preparation and issue of Divorce application
- Updates by letter/email
- Telephone support
- Conditional Order
- Final Order

Cost:

Our fees: £625.00 plus VAT (£125.00)

Court fees: £612.00

Total cost: £1,362.00

Payment:

£480.00 at the first appointment. The Court fee of £612.00 is payable on lodging the application. £270.00 prior to applying for Conditional Order. We can accept payment by cash, cheque or debit card.

What is NOT covered:

- Obtaining certified copy of marriage certificate (£15.50 if required immediately or £11.00 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.

4. **Divorce as Respondent**

What you get:

- One meeting with your dedicated family lawyer
- Preparation of Acknowledgement of service
- Updates by letter/email
- Conditional Order
- Final Order

Cost:

Our fees: £350.00 plus VAT (£70.00)

Total cost: £420.00

Payment

£420 payable at the first appointment. We can accept payment by cash, cheque or debit card

What is NOT covered

- 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.

5. **Financial Clean Break**

Marital assets valued at less than £250,000.00 gross

What you get:

- 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: £800.00 plus VAT (£160.00)
Court fees: £60.00 (usual to pay half each at £30.00)
Total cost: £990.00

Payment:

£600 plus VAT at the first appointment and £200 plus VAT and £30.00 on signing the consent application. We can accept payment by, cash, cheque or debit card.

What is NOT covered:

- The fee for the preliminary advice meeting.
- Where the gross marital assets, including pension CEVs exceed £250,000.00 the fixed fee will not apply and the matter will be dealt with on an hourly rate basis.
- 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 approximately £150.00 plus VAT if we are required to attend a Court hearing prior to approval. 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 or 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 the order including any pension sharing order made – advice and assistance with regard to any implementation will be chargeable on an hourly rate basis.
- 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.

6. Change of Name Deed

Cost:

Single Change of Name Deed: £300.00 plus VAT (£60.00)
Total cost: £360.00

Payment:

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

7. Change of Name Deed for a child**Cost:**

Our fees: £350.00 plus VAT (£70.00)
Total cost: £420.00

Payment:

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

8. Living Together Agreements**Assets valued at less than £250,000.00 gross****What you get:**

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

Cost:

Our fees: £600.00 - £1,100.00 plus VAT
Total cost: £720.00 - £1,320.00

Payment:

Fee in advance. We can accept payment by cheque or debit card.

What is NOT covered:

- 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.
- Where the combined gross assets of both parties (including pension CEVs) exceed £250,000.00 the fixed fee will not apply and the matter will be dealt with on an hourly rate basis.

9. **Separation Deed**

Assets valued at less than £250,000.00 gross

What you get:

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

Cost:

Our fees: £600.00 - £1,100.00 plus VAT

Total Cost: £672.00 - £1,320.00

Payment:

Fee in advance. We can accept payment by cheque or debit card.

What is NOT covered:

- Where the combined gross assets of both parties (including pension CEVs) exceed £250,000.00 the fixed fee will not apply and the matter will be dealt with on an hourly rate basis.
- 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

10. **AML ID search**

We will undertake an ID search for all new clients of the Firm.

The fee is £12.00 including VAT and is payable before or at the first appointment.

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.

We will provide you with an estimate of costs at the outset, send 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' and 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 14 days of any invoice. However, we shall not be held responsible for unexpected outcomes which fall outside the scope of our limited retainer.

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

Next Step

Please call our Family Team on 01302 965813 or 01302 341414 or email us on family@taylorbracewell.co.uk.

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