

Transparency of Fees - Family Law

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About these fees

For some family-law instructions, Thames Chambers may agree a fixed fee for a defined piece of work. The ranges below are indicative and are intended to give prospective clients a clear guide to likely charges. VAT, where applicable, is not included in the figures shown.

How the final fee is determined

The amount quoted for a particular matter will depend on the work required and the circumstances of the case. Relevant factors can include complexity, urgency, the volume of documents, preparation time, the number and length of hearings, and any unusual issues that require additional work. The scope of the instruction and the applicable fee will be confirmed before work begins. Any separate expenses or third-party costs, if applicable, will be identified separately.

Indicative fixed-fee ranges

Service	Indicative fee
Initial conference	£250 - £500
Written advice	£500 - £2,000
First Hearing Dispute Resolution Appointment (FHDRA) / directions hearing - children matters	£500 - £900
Dispute Resolution Appointment (DRA)	£750 - £1,500

The figures above are estimates only and do not create a binding quotation. A specific fee will be confirmed after the nature and scope of the instruction have been considered.

Further indicative family-law fees

Service	Indicative fee
Fact-finding hearing (FFH)	£950 - £2,500
Non-molestation application - first appointment	£750 - £950
Non-molestation application - return date	£950 - £1,250
Final hearing	£2,500 - £10,000
Refresher fee - each subsequent trial day after the first day	£1,750 - £3,500
Financial Dispute Resolution hearing (FDR)	£950 - £2,500

Before you instruct us

Please contact Thames Chambers with a brief outline of the matter and the work you require. We will consider whether the instruction can be accepted on a direct access basis and, where appropriate, provide a written quotation setting out the work covered by the fee.

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