

Mediation by lawyers who are experts in the field of family law can assist in enabling parties to find an alternative way to the resolution of delicate family matters personally, rather than through the court process.

Our team of experienced family law solicitors can assist in mediating your disputes armed with their knowledge of how a court might approach your case and to ensure that you are referred to lawyers for technical advice when such is needed – even if you did not realize it was.

Constructive and versatile arrangements can often be agreed through a mediated resolution which might not otherwise be achieved otherwise, with channels of communication preserved in the longer term and legal costs saved.

As Family Mediators we can assist in resolving arrangements for children and financial matters for our clients. Clients often feel empowered by the process and establish a means of resolving future disputes, which may arise where maintenance arrangements need to be changed or arrangements for children have to be adjusted.

Our specialist solicitors are at the forefront of developing constructive and highly effective family dispute settlement methods, often resolving difficult, sensitive and complex disputes in a more appropriate way than fully litigated proceedings.

We advise those who are separating to do so with dignity and help them reach their own agreements, which can then be approved by the court to ensure they are binding.

Our team advises and supports clients, enabling them to stay more in control of the situation and to make arrangements that are constructive, workable, and likely to be approved by the courts, to provide longer-term q

When you are coping with separation and divorce it is easy to feel that you have few choices, at times clients have said they felt they had none at all. We like to think otherwise.

### What does mediation entail?

- Attending mediation sessions together with your estranged partner and the mediator, to try to resolve disputes
- Agreeing matters which need to be addressed and agenda setting
- Where the dispute relates to finances, open and honest financial disclosure of both parties' financial positions, with consideration and review together and preparation of an agreed asset schedule
- Further investigations and enquiries can be made where additional information and documentation is needed to inform the process, such as expert valuations, tax advice, financial advice and pensions reports. Your mediator will help you identify when additional information and expert guidance is required to achieve a fair outcome.
- Negotiating a resolution, with the help of a mediator to manage the discussions and help address any impasses which may be reached
- Preparation of a Mediation Agreement, setting out agreed terms
- Referral to solicitors for the Mediation Agreement to be put into a court order and made binding on both parties.

### How much does Mediation Cost?

- Our hourly rate is £225 + VAT, which couples usually share between them according to their financial circumstances.
- Each session is for 1.5 hours
- Mediation usually achieves a resolution within around 6 – 8 sessions, on average
- Successful mediation can save couples thousands of pounds in legal fees and, where there is co-operation between the parties, produce a more swift and amicable resolution than is possible through court proceedings, enabling them to move forward with their lives.

We can help you work through your difficult and sensitive problems with each other, to try to achieve an amicable resolution and preserve relationships in the longer term.

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