



Expert Family Solicitors

KHF Solicitors Ltd is one of the largest specialists in Family Law in the North West.

We are committed to providing a service to all but particularly providing access to justice to those who need it most at times of stress.

Our dedicated team of family solicitors have an excellent reputation in Family law. We aim to guide you through this difficult time, provide you with the advice you need and to help you achieve the best outcome for you and your family.

We are able to advise our clients as to the most cost effective solutions to their problems and if necessary, we can discuss a number of payment and funding options.

We have a range of [fixed fees](#) for all areas of Family Law. Different rates and payment options may be available for those on lower incomes. Please ring for further information.

Children Applications

If you wish to apply to Court or seek advice in respect of contact with a child, where a child lives or any other application relating to a child then we offer fixed fees in different levels for you.

Children Act Initial Advice - £80 plus VAT = £96

What's included in the fixed fee

- A 20 minute initial interview
- Sending out a client care letter to you including a detailed letter setting out your instructions, the advice given and your options going forward

What's not included

- Any further advice or assistance
- Any further expenses or disbursements for example but not limited to fees payable to interpreters.
- Any unforeseen circumstances which will result in additional work, for example, lengthy negotiations or correspondence or complex issues. We will advise you should this arise.

If you were to return to seek further advice, for example correspondence with the other party or a referral to mediation within 8 weeks of your initial appointment about the same matter the cost of this is deducted from the level 1 fee below. Certain terms apply which we can explain in more detail.

**Children Act Application – Level 1 (Pre-Court Proceedings) - £300 plus VAT plus any disbursements payable within this level.
Total = £360 (excluding disbursements)**

Level 1 – What's included in the Fixed fee?

- An initial interview.
- Sending out client care letters to you including a detailed letter setting out your instructions, the advice given and what we are going to do for you.
- Sending out correspondence to the other party or their representatives.
- Referring your matter to the Mediation Service if appropriate. A separate fee is payable to the Mediation Service for the Form required to issue Court Proceedings.
- Sending a letter to you confirming the outcome of mediation or the correspondence with the other party and advice to either progress or to conclude the matter.

Level 1 – What's not included in the Fixed fee?

- Any further expenses or disbursements for example but not limited to fees payable to interpreters.
- Any unforeseen circumstances which will result in additional work, for example, lengthy negotiations or correspondence or complex issues. We will advise you should this arise.

Children Act Application – Level 2 (The application to Court and representation at the First Court Hearing) – an additional £600 plus VAT plus disbursements (e.g. Court fee which is currently £215) to include the Court fee to issue to application.

Total = £935 (including Court fee but excluding other disbursements)

Level 2 – What's included in the Fixed fee?

- Preparation of the application to Court and submitting the same to Court following your approval.
- Issuing the proceedings at Court and serving the documents on the other parties by post.
- Attending at the Court hearing on the first appointment and giving you advice and representation at that hearing, including negotiating with the other party or their solicitor, discussing matters with CAFCASS and representing you before the Court.
- Sending correspondence following the Court hearing confirming the outcome of the hearing to you.

Level 2 – What's not included in the Fixed fee?

- Any further expenses or disbursements, for example but not limited to fees payable to interpreters.
- Representation at any adjourned review or directions hearing or other hearing.
- Any implementation of the Order for example obtaining evidence on your behalf. .
- Any unforeseen circumstances which will result in additional work, for example, lengthy negotiations or correspondence or complex issues.

Level 2 - Only one review or directions hearing is included in this fixed fee for Level 2. If you need representation at any further hearings then a further additional payment of £400 plus VAT of £80 = £480 will be charged for each additional hearing.

If you are responding to a Children Act Application that someone else has made, this fixed fee is suitable for you but in normal circumstances, you will not have to pay the Court fee. The cost would be:

**Children Act Application – Level 2 (Considering and advising you on the Application and appropriate response and representation at the First Court Hearing) – an additional £600 plus VAT plus disbursements).
Total = £720 (but excluding other disbursements)**

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Level 2 – What's included in the Fixed fee?

- Considering the Application with you and taking your instructions.
- Advising you as to appropriate way forward and how best to respond
- Attending at the Court hearing on the first appointment and giving you advice and representation at that hearing, including negotiating with the other party or their solicitor, discussing matters with CAFCASS and representing you before the Court.
- Sending correspondence following the Court hearing confirming the outcome of the hearing to you.

Level 2 – What's not included in the Fixed fee?

- Any further expenses or disbursements, e.g. fees payable to interpreters.
- Representation at any adjourned review or directions hearing or other hearing..
- Any implementation of the Order for example obtaining evidence on your behalf.
- Any unforeseen circumstances which will result in additional work, for example, lengthy negotiations or correspondence or complex issues.

Level 2 - Only one review or directions hearing is included in this fixed fee for Level 2. If you need representation at any further hearings then a further additional payment of £400 plus VAT of £80 = £480 will be charged for each additional hearing.

Children Act Application – Level 3 (Representation following the first hearing and up to preparing for a final hearing) – an additional £750 plus VAT plus disbursements.

Total = £900 (excluding disbursements)

Level 3 – What's included in the Fixed fee?

- Preparation of documents following directions from the first hearing, which may include preparing a statement and/or perusing a CAFCASS or expert report or obtaining additional evidence from other sources.

- Corresponding with you to keep you up to date regarding the progress of your case.
- Representing you at one further review or directions hearing (not to include a final or contested hearing)

Level 3 – What's not included in the Fixed fee?

- Any further expenses or disbursements, for example but not limited to fees payable to interpreters or payable for obtaining evidence or reports on your behalf.
- Any unforeseen circumstances which will result in additional work, for example, lengthy negotiations or correspondence or complex issues.

Level 3 - Only one review or directions hearing is included in this fixed fee for Level 3. If you need representation at any further hearings then a further additional payment of £400 plus VAT of £80 = £480 will be charged for each additional hearing.

Children Act Application – Level 4 (Preparation up to a final hearing but not including representation at that hearing) – an additional £1,000 plus VAT of £200 plus disbursements and Counsel's fee if applicable Total = £1200 (excluding disbursements)

Level 4 – What's included in the Fixed fee?

- Corresponding with you regarding the progress of your case.
- Instructing a Barrister to represent you at a final hearing, if appropriate, including preparing instructions to the barrister and sending further documentation to the barrister. The barrister's fee is payable separately.
- Preparing documents in readiness for the final hearing, for example, preparing the case summary, chronology, statement of issues and the bundle for Court.

Level 4 – What's not included in the Fixed fee?

- Any further expenses or disbursements, for example but not included to fees payable to interpreters or for obtaining further evidence.

- Any unforeseen circumstances which will result in additional work, for example, lengthy negotiations or correspondence or complex issues.
- At level 4 the barrister's fee is not included in the fixed fee nor is the fee for representation at the hearing. A quote can be obtained for the barrister to represent you at the final hearing and also to have a conference before the Court hearing.
- If you require the attendance of a member of our firm at the conference with the Barrister then a further payment of £250 plus VAT will be charged for each conference.

Level 5 – Representation at Court either by a suitably qualified member of our team at the Final Hearing £750 for each day or part thereof
Total = £900 (excluding disbursements)

Level 5 – What's included in the Fixed fee?

- Representation at Court for each day of the final hearing
- Service of any documentation (by post)
- Preparation of the order
- Preparing a detailed letter to you detailing the outcome.

Level 5 – What's not included in the Fixed fee?

- Any further expenses or disbursements, for example. but not limited to fees payable to interpreters.
- Any unforeseen circumstances which will result in additional work, for example, lengthy negotiations or correspondence or complex issues.
- Any further hearings following the final hearing e.g. any further review/ directions hearing. More information about a further fixed fee for this can be provided should the need arise.
- Implementation or enforcement of the Order. Depending on the amount of work involved we can discuss this should it arise.

It may be necessary to instruct a Barrister to represent you at the final hearing for a variety of reasons.

Level 5A – Representation at Court by a suitably qualified Barrister at the final hearing. Fee to be discussed with you prior to their instruction. Counsel's fee will be payable upfront and subject to VAT.

Level 5A – What's included in the Fixed fee?

- Representation at Court for each day of the Final Hearing
- Service by post of any documentation and preparation of a detailed letter confirming the outcome of the hearing to you.
- Checking the Order and making sure it is correct

Level 5A – What's not included in the Fixed fee?

- Any further expenses or disbursements, for example but not limited to fees payable to interpreters.
- Any unforeseen circumstances which will result in additional work, for example, lengthy negotiations or correspondence or complex issues.
- Any further hearings following the final hearing e.g. any further review/ directions hearing. More information about a further fixed fee for this can be provided should the need arise.
- Implementation or enforcement of the Order depending on the amount of work involved we can discuss this should it arise.
- If you require the attendance of a member of our firm with the Barrister at the Court hearing itself then a further payment of £250 plus VAT will be charged for each day (or part thereof) of the hearing.

Other fees are available on request

- Agreed Parental Responsibility Agreement - £175 plus VAT **Total = £210**
- Fixed fee for a Change of Name Deed - £80 plus VAT **Total = £96**
- Statutory Declaration, for example, for a marriage abroad, - £100 plus VAT **Total = £120**

Sometimes unexpected things happen. If this happens in your case, we will discuss with you the action required and the cost before we take any action. We offer a range of fees and can see what suits you best.