

FIXED FEE **DIVORCE AND DISSOLUTION OF CIVIL PARTNERSHIP**

Our Fees (including VAT)

If you are a **Petitioner** (ie. You wish to issue matrimonial proceedings (formerly known as divorce proceedings)

- **£495.00**

If you are the **Respondent** (ie. Your husband/wife is starting proceedings)

- **£350.00**

What the fees cover

If you are the Petitioner then the fixed fees cover our costs relating to work undertaken up to, and including, obtaining Decree Absolute (final divorce order).

If you are the Respondent then the fixed fees cover our costs relating to work up to, and including, your husband/wife obtaining the Decree Absolute (final divorce order).

Court Fees

You will also have to pay the Court Fees (if you are a Petitioner) which are currently:

£340.00 to issue an Application for Divorce or Dissolution of Civil Partnership.

£45.00 for the Decree Absolute.

When are the costs payable?

Half of the Fixed Fee is payable at the initial meeting with us.

The second half of the fee is payable when you issue for divorce or, if you are the Respondent, when you file your acknowledgement of service form with the Court.

We will request a further payment from you to cover the Court Fees when we file your Application and when we apply for the Decree Absolute.

Additional Costs

You may also have to pay a fee for :-

Obtaining a Marriage Certificate (if you do not have your original certificate) - £9.00

Swearing an Affidavit (generally £7.00-£9.00)

Translation of foreign Marriage Certificate (can be advised)

Instructing an Enquiry Agent if your husband/wife does not return an Acknowledgement of Service form to the Court.

What work is not included?

Should the matter become more complex, eg. if the divorce is defended, we will discuss our further costs with you. These will be charged at our normal hourly rates (see below).

If your husband/wife does not file an Acknowledgment of Service and personal service of the Application is required then we will discuss the cost of instructing a Enquiry Agent with you.

If the Petition needs to be amended after it has been issued by the Court then there will be an additional Court Fee of £90.00 plus our own time for amending the Application.

The Fixed Fee does not cover any advice or proceedings relating to property, finances, children, or a divorce where any party lives abroad. However, we can provide you with an estimate of costs for this type of work should you require, which would be charged at our normal hourly rates.

What happens if the Divorce/Dissolution of a Civil Partnership does not proceed?

A divorce or dissolution of a Civil Partnership may not proceed for a number of reasons, eg. if you become reconciled.

If you do not wish to proceed, then we will charge on an hourly rate basis up to the value of the Fixed Fee (currently this firm's hourly rates are from £144.00 to £240.00 inclusive of VAT).