

Pump Court Chambers

We are one of the one of largest and longest established barristers' chambers in England and Wales. We recently celebrated our 75th birthday! Based in London, Winchester and Swindon and focusing on the South and South West, our breadth of expertise and collaborative approach enable us to provide clients with joined-up, practical solutions across multiple specialisms in law.

Our barristers and clerks are approachable, straightforward and focused on solving problems quickly and cost-effectively.

Our family team is widely recognised as one of the best in the country. We are consistently ranked as a premier set by the legal directories Chambers and Partners and Legal 500. Our barristers are notable experts in their field, ably led by our silks (QCs) and leading juniors. Many of our barristers sit as part time judges.

Public Access – Children

Our barristers can advise you if you and your former partner cannot agree on arrangements for your children. For example, you may not be able to agree on where your children are to live, how much time they are to spend with you or issues connected with their health or schooling.

If you cannot agree matters relating to your children with your former partner, you can apply to a court for a child arrangements order. You may need to attend a number of court hearings. Our barristers can represent you at these hearings.

Our barristers will guide you expertly through the court process, advising on pre-litigation negotiation and mediation and advising and representing you at the First Dispute Resolution Appointment, the subsequent Dispute Resolution Appointment and at any final hearing.

Timescales

Timescales for your case may vary depending on factors such as barristers' availability, the complexity of the issues, how much you have already agreed with your former partner, and their approach.

Written advice on your child arrangements dispute will be available within two to four weeks where possible.

As a guide, court hearings for a child arrangements order tend to take three to nine months. This does not include possible appeals.

Fees

In most cases we charge fixed fees for our work. This means that we will charge you a set amount of money for each piece of work we undertake. Below we have provided estimates based on the ranges of fixed fees for barristers at Pump Court Chambers.



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All fees exclude VAT (where applicable). That means that it is likely that you will have to pay us VAT in addition to the fee at the current rate (presently 20%).

These fees may vary depending on your needs – for example, your fees may be towards the higher end of the range if you need a more experienced barrister and/or you have a more complex case. If you have a particularly complex case, your fees may also be higher than the estimates below. There may also be additional costs for any administrative work involved such as copying or where you agree to engage another person to assist with your case, such as a paralegal. On the first occasion that you instruct us there will be a fixed administration fee of £20 plus Vat.

When quoting fees it will only be to undertake that particular piece of work. There are likely to be many different pieces of work involved in a case such as representation at hearings, advising in conference and in writing and drafting documents. We will always quote separately for each piece of work. Please contact us so we can discuss fees individually with you.

Our barristers range in experience and expertise from QCs to newly qualified barristers. The fee levels set out below will reflect the relative experience of the barrister that you decide to instruct.

Fixed Fees

Stage of case	Ranges of fixed fees (estimates)
Preliminary Conference	£750 - £5,000
Written advice on your case	£750 - £5,000
Preparation of case, including meetings with you and assistance with drafting of any Court documents	The fixed fee would be calculated at the hourly rate of the appointed Counsel multiplied by the number of hours work required. The applicable range of hourly rates are £125 - £500 per hour.
First Dispute Resolution Appointment (first court hearing where the court will identify and attempt to resolve the issues in the case, sometimes with the assistance of a Cafcass officer)	£750 - £5,000
Dispute Resolution Appointment (second court hearing once the evidence has been filed and / or a report has been received from Cafcass and / or social services)	£1,000 - £5,000
1 Day Final Hearing (if no agreement has been reached and the court is asked to decide the issues)	£1,500 - £10,000
Part Heard day(s) of final hearing (per day, following day one)	£850 - £5,000

Please note that we cannot conduct litigation on your behalf. This means that we cannot (for example) issue applications for you at court, pay issue fees, instruct experts or send documents to the court or the other party on your behalf. In addition, our barristers cannot correspond with other

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lawyers or agencies on your behalf. We can, however, advise you on how to undertake these procedures and assist you with the contents of any documents or correspondence which you can then send out in your own name.

Please Contact Us

All information is correct as of January 2020 but the fees set out above are estimates only. For a fixed fee quotation please contact our clerks on 020-7353-0711 or clerks@pumpcourtchambers.com.

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