



## **FIXED FEE INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN CASES**

Thornes have a friendly and professional specialist Family Law Team who can help you if you are having problems in resolving disputes concerning children. Family law cases can often be difficult and emotional times. In our experience our clients prefer to have a clear idea in relation to costs involved at the various stages of their cases.

We now offer the following a specialised package that we hope will resolve your disputes in the most efficient and affordable manner for you:

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### **1. First Appointment Package - £99 plus VAT**

- An initial appointment either face to face, or on a remote telephone basis to suit your preferences with one of our Family law Solicitors for up to 45 minutes
- A follow up letter confirming your options and advice given

This package helps to outline your options and clients often find it assuring to properly understand their legal position. It can also prevent starting expensive proceedings without considering alternative options first.

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### **2. Early Resolution Package - £250 plus VAT**

- An initial appointment with one of our Family law Solicitors for up to 45 minutes
- A follow up letter confirming letter your options including children proceedings information
- An initial letter to opponent to attempt to resolve matters at an early resolution stage, matters proceeding to Court.
- Consideration and advice in relation to any advice received
- Referral to Mediation, where appropriate

This package helps to open up the channels of communication with other side in a reasonable manner. In our experience, the majority of cases are capable of being resolved at an early stage if handled sensitively and appropriately.

## **Court proceedings- Preparation and Court hearing representation:**

### **3. Preparation of Court application to include initial hearing representation - £750 plus VAT**

- An initial appointment with one of our Family Solicitors for up to 45 minutes
- Expert preparation of Court documents prior to sending them to Court
- Notification of other side of fixed hearing. Once the Court has issued the applications and fixed a hearing date, we will arrange service of the Court papers upon the other party.
- A Solicitor will attend Court or remote hearing, following discussions other party or/ and their Solicitor in advance of hearing.
- Conduct of the Court hearing and make representations on your behalf, to put forwards your case.
- A detailed discussion of the outcome of the hearing with you and afterwards provide you with a detailed Court Report and outcome letter.

### **4. Preparation of application to Court package - £300 plus VAT**

- An initial appointment with one of our Family Solicitors for up to 45 minutes, and all advice and steps up to preparing your application for lodging with the Court.

### **5. Representation at Court (additional hearings) - £499 plus VAT**

- An initial appointment with one of our Family Solicitors for up to 45 minutes
- Full representation at Court either attending, or on a remote telephone basis for a Court hearing of up to one hour, and advising accordingly throughout and after the hearing

#### **\*Advanced Packages:**

Family cases and Court hearings can often be complex or contested, and work will be required to assist your case that cannot be included in a specific fixed fee package. In such circumstances, we will provide you with a fixed fee quote based on the estimated work and time your case will be need, based on our experience.

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In all the above cases, payment of the fixed fees will be payable at the time of your appointment with your Solicitor other than in the case of the Court Package where payment is required 7 days in advance. You can pay by cash or cheque and we also have a card payment facility so you can pay by Debit or Credit Card.