

## Deans Court Chambers

### Public Access – Financial Disputes in Divorce

Our barristers can advise you directly and without a solicitor if you and your former partner cannot agree on financial matters during, or after, a divorce. For example, you may not be able to agree on how assets should be divided, whether to sell your home or other assets, maintenance payments and pension sharing.

If you cannot agree, you can apply to a court for a financial order. You may need to attend several court hearings – our barristers can represent you in these hearings as well as providing advice before and during the proceedings and assist with drafting court documents.

#### ***Timescales***

Timescales for your case may vary depending on factors such as barristers' availability, the availability of court time, the value and complexity of your assets, whether you have children, how much you have agreed with your former partner and their approach to any disputes.

Written advice on your financial dispute will be available within two to four weeks where possible. As a guide, court hearings for a financial order tend to take six to twelve months if the matter requires a final hearing. This does not include possible appeals.

#### ***Fees***

We charge fixed fees, which means that we will charge you a set amount of money for the work.

Below we provide estimates of fixed fees for barristers in Deans Court Chambers. All fees include VAT (where applicable) and are charged in addition to the fee estimate provided.

Your fixed fees may be towards the higher end of the range if you require a more experienced barrister and/or you have assets over £300,000.

If you have a particularly complex case, your fees may also be higher than the estimates below. There are also likely to be additional costs which will be discussed with you and agreed before any work is undertaken.

All fees must be paid in advance prior to the commencement of any work.

Stage of case	Ranges of fixed fees (estimates)
Written advice on your financial dispute	£500.00 - £2,000.00
Preparation of case, including conferences with you and assistance with drafting of any court documents	Fixed price to be agreed in advance
First directions appointment (first court	£1,500.00 - £2,000.00

hearing exchanging financial information and preparing the case for a Financial Dispute Resolution (“FDR”) hearing)	
Financial Dispute Resolution hearing, FDR, (second court hearing to try and reach a financial settlement)	£2,500.00 - £4,500.00
First day of final hearing (if no settlement was reached in the financial dispute resolution hearing)	£2,500.00 - £5,000.00
Court appearances per day, after the first day of the final hearing	£1,000.00 - £2,500.00

### ***Contact Us***

All information is correct as of September 2025, but fees are estimates only. For the most accurate fixed fee estimate, please contact the clerks on 0161 214 6000 or [omacro@deanscourt.co.uk](mailto:omacro@deanscourt.co.uk)