

## **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.

## **URGENT CHILDREN ACT APPLICATIONS**

Sometimes unexpected things happen and you need to take urgent action including making Court applications. Our team at KHF are very experienced in making these applications and can advise you if this appropriate in your case. Urgent applications

follow a different procedure to other applications. This has recently been considered by senior judges who have been clear that appropriate procedures must be followed. It is necessary to arrange for the other side to have a copy of the papers urgently so the Court knows they have received the papers and any orders can be put into action.

We offer a fixed fee package for urgent applications so that you know in advance how much representation will cost you at a difficult and worrying time

Urgent Children Applications -

The application to Court and representation at the First ex- parte Court Hearing £750 plus VAT plus disbursements (e.g. Court fee which is currently £215) and process servers fee up to £100 Total = £1215 (including Court fee and the first £100 of the process servers fee but excluding other disbursements)

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

- An urgent appointment to see you and take your instructions. Advising you as to any potential applications.
- Urgent preparation of your application to Court
- Urgently attending at Court and issuing the proceedings with you.
- Representing you at the ex-parte hearing before the Court
- Advising you in person as to the Court's decision
- Arranging for a professional process server to serve the papers on the other party urgently.
- Advising you on the outcome and sending correspondence following the Court hearing confirming the outcome 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 hearing or return date. If you require representation at further hearings, this can be arranged for a separate fixed fee
- Any unforeseen circumstances which will result in additional work, for example, lengthy negotiations or correspondence or complex issues.

If you opt for this fixed fee there are some things that you need to know:

Issuing an urgent application takes time. The Solicitor generally has to put aside other work to deal with the application and then we would normally attend Court very quickly. Depending on the urgency we can go that day. As a result, we do have to have the money up front so that we can deal with all of these things on your behalf. Sometimes our priority has to be to get to Court quickly.

We cannot guarantee that you will receive the order that you seek. As we will have discussed with you, all cases are different and a recommendation to issue an urgent application does not necessarily meant the Judge will agree on the day.

We generally have to instruct a process server on your behalf to serve the documents on the other person. We generally use a very experienced process server who we have worked with over a number of years. Normally we expect his fee to be about £100. If you take this package, then you agree to us instructing the process server to undertake work up to the value of £100 (their rates are about £32 per hour and include, travel time, mileage and sometimes waiting together with the formalities required by the Court to prove that the other party has been served.) If they need to undertake work above this, we will ask them to let us know so we can check you agree first.