

## Fees and Policies – Family (Private Paying)

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### Fees in Family Cases

The level of fees in privately funded family cases in respect of briefs for hearings, conferences and paperwork will be based on the following

1. The seriousness of the allegations
2. The importance of the matter to the lay client
3. Seniority/ expertise of Counsel instructed
4. Complexity of the case;
5. Value of the claim;
6. Preparation time;
7. Length of hearing including conference on the hearing date;
8. Any expenses such as hotel or travel

To discuss fees, please contact our Senior Family Clerk, Rachel Williams [williams@exchangechambers.co.uk](mailto:williams@exchangechambers.co.uk)

### Brief Fees

Wherever possible, we will agree fees with you after delivery of the brief and prior to the hearing. Depending on the complexity of the case, we may agree a staged payment plan with you.

We are happy to work with you and produce costs budgets.

### Conference Fees

You may wish to agree with us an hourly rate, a fixed fee or a capped fee for preparation time and length of conference in advance of the conference. The hourly rate will be based upon the criteria above. Otherwise, fees for conferences will be assessed after the conference has taken place based upon the criteria above.

### Paperwork Fees

You may wish to agree with us an hourly rate for preparation time upon delivery of the papers. The hourly rate will be based upon the criteria above. Otherwise, paperwork fees will be assessed after the work has been completed based upon the criteria above, as applicable.

## Fee Notes

On completion of our work on a matter, all briefs, instructions or other material will be returned to you with an up to date fee note.

## Payment of Fees

Unless we have agreed to the contrary, we request our fees to be settled within the timescale prescribed within our contractual terms. For our part, we adhere to the Bar Council's Code of Practice in respect of progressing payment of our fees. On privately funded cases, we expect our fees to be settled within 30 days of you receiving our invoice. You are asked to contact us should this not be acceptable to you.

## Abated Fees

The Brief Fee will be deemed delivered 14 working days before the hearing date following which the following fees will be applicable;

- If the case settles, is discontinued or vacated/adjourned 14 days or less before the hearing date: 50% of the agreed fee
- If the case settles, is discontinued or vacated/ adjourned 7days before the hearing date: 100% of the agreed fee

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