

EJ Coombs Solicitors family law fees

Price list

Service	Total Price
UNDEFENDED DIVORCE – PETITIONER	£1450
Includes:	Includes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Face to face and/or telephone advice with a specialist family law solicitor• Drafting court documents and corresponding with court on your behalf re: the divorce• Corresponding with you/your spouse throughout• Court fees £550.00	£750 fee £150 VAT £550 Court petition fee
Does not include:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Negotiating family finances• Bailiff fees• Resolving arrangements for children• Any required attendance at court	
UNDEFENDED DIVORCE - RESPONDENT	£600
Includes:	Includes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Face to face and/or telephone advice with a specialist family law solicitor• Drafting court documents and corresponding with court on your behalf re: the divorce• Corresponding with you/your spouse throughout	£500 fee £100 VAT
Does not include:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Negotiating family finances• Bailiff fees• Resolving arrangements for children• Applying for Decree Absolute as Respondent• Anything you are ordered to pay towards your spouse's legal costs	

Defending the divorce petition

If your case is defended (contested) or the matter is not covered by our fixed fee services, you will have the option to instruct one of our lawyers under our hourly rates that range from £250 to £275 plus VAT depending on the legal qualifications, experience and expertise of the person dealing with your case.

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Key Stages and Timescales

UNDEFENDED DIVORCE – PETITIONER

Key stage	Typical time line (weeks)
Divorce petition – contents agreed and sent to court	2 – 3
Petition posted to spouse by court	3 – 4
Spouse replies to petition	4 – 6
Complete application for Decree nisi	6 – 8
Court sets date for Decree nisi	9 - 17
Decree nisi pronounced	19
Decree absolute application *	25
Decree absolute granted	26 27

UNDEFENDED DIVORCE – RESPONDENT

Key stage	Typical time line (weeks)
Receive draft petition from spouse	2 – 3
Receive petition from court	3 – 4
Complete and submit reply form	4 – 6
Court sets date for Decree nisi	9 - 17
Decree nisi pronounced	19
Decree absolute granted	26 – 27

*you / your spouse may be advised to delay in applying for the Decree Absolute (final decree of divorce) until a financial settlement is approved by the court and / or pension issues are dealt with. In some circumstances the Respondent can apply for decree absolute

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Our Professionals

Liz Coombs

Solicitor / Managing Partner

Areas of Law practiced	Time spent	Experience (post qualification)	Hourly rate (exc.VAT)
Family Law	100%	23 years	£275

Sara Barnes

Solicitor

Areas of Law practiced	Time spent	Experience (post qualification)	Hourly rate (exc.VAT)
Family Law	100%	16 years	£250

Hannah Kelly

Solicitor/Collaborative lawyer

Resolution Accredited Specialist
Member of Family Law Panel

Areas of Law practiced	Time spent	Experience (post qualification)	Hourly rate (exc.VAT)
Family Law	100%	14 years	£250

Vicky Robertson

Solicitor/Mediator/Collaborative lawyer

Areas of Law practiced	Time spent	Experience (post qualification)	Hourly rate (exc.VAT)
Family Law	100%	18 years	£250

Glossary

Term	Definition
Petitioner	A petitioner is a person who brings a legal case to a court of law.
Respondent	The person who receives the divorce or other application to court.