BLACKFORDS

OUR WORK	OUR COSTS (EXCL. VAT)	WE WILL	WE WON'T		
	INITIAL APPOINTMENT				
Initial appointment	£150	✓ Assess your case ✓ Look at any documents you have been served with or have drafted yourself ✓ Provide you with advice ✓ Discuss legal aid if applicable ✓ Send you an advice letter	 ✓ Complete any legal documents for you ✓ Enter into correspondence with the other party 		
Initial appointment plus one letter to the other party	£175	✓ Assess your case ✓ Provide you with advice ✓ Send you an advice letter ✓ Send one letter to the other party ✓ Advise you of any reply received	 ∑ Consider or complete any legal documents ∑ Enter into further correspondence with the other party 		

MEDIATION			
Referral to mediation	Free	☑ Refer you to a local mediation service	Enter into correspondence with the order party or advise you as you go through the mediation process
Supporting advice during the mediation process	£350	✓ Advise you throughout the mediation process ✓ Advise you on the terms of any agreement reached through mediation	

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY				
Parental Responsibility Agreement	£200	✓ Prepare a Parental Responsibility Agreement ✓ Write to the other party ✓ Lodge the executed agreement with the Principal Registry of the Family Division, London	Enter into further correspondence with the other party if we are informed that Parental Responsibility is not agreed. Take any further steps where Parental Responsibility is not agreed.	

CHILDREN ACT APPLICATIONS (Child Arrangements Orders, Specific Issue Orders and Parental Responsibility Orders)				
Level 1 – Paperwork Only				
Assistance with the application (the Applicant)	£195	✓ Prepare an application for an order/orders ready for you to file with the Court ✓ Prepare the supplemental form in relation to any allegations of harm (if applicable)	 ☑ Pay the Court fee ☑ Go on the Court record as acting for you ☑ Enter into correspondence with the other party or the Court on your behalf. 	
Checking application forms where you have drafted the paperwork yourself	£95	 ✓ Check the paperwork ✓ Suggest any necessary amendments ✓ Review the revised paperwork where applicable 	 ☑ Pay the Court fee ☑ Go on the Court record as acting for you ☑ Enter into correspondence with the other party or the Court on your behalf. 	
Advice in relation to a Court	£150	✓ Consider the paperwork✓Advise you about theCourt process, discussing	☑ Go on the Court record as acting for you	

application received (the Respondent)		the nature of the application which has been made and what is likely to happen at the first hearing ✓ Advise you as to any applications that you might wish to make	Enter into correspondence with the other party or the Court on your behalf. Not prepare any application forms
	Leve	el 2 – The First Hearing	
Assistance to the first hearing (the Applicant)	£550 + fees for representation at Court by a solicitor or barrister	✓ Prepare an application for an order/orders ready for you to file with the Court ✓ Prepare the supplemental form in relation to any allegations of harm (if applicable) ✓ File the application with the Court on your behalf ✓ Review the issued paperwork ✓ Notify you of the hearing date ✓ Notify the other party/their solicitor of the hearing date ✓ Advise you in relation to any Safeguarding Letter received from CAFCASS ✓ Arrange for your representation at Court by a solicitor or barrister (counsel) ✓ Send all the paperwork to the person representing you at Court ✓ Send you the Order following the hearing advising on the next steps ✓ Discuss your options and our further costs and fixed fees (if appropriate)	☑ Pay the Court fee or any other necessary disbursements (e.g. process server fees to serve the application if required) ☑ Pay the fee for your representation at Court by a solicitor or barrister (these fees will vary from case to case and will be agreed with you in advance) ☑ Enter into further correspondence with the other party, solicitors or the Court beyond the first hearing ☑ Prepare any further documents beyond the first hearing

Assistance to the first hearing (the Respondent) Assistance to the for representation at Court by a solicitor or barrister	✓ Consider the paperwork ✓ Advise you about the Court process, discussing the nature of the application which has been made and what is likely to happen at the first hearing ✓ Advise you as to any applications that you might wish to make ✓ Advise you in relation to any Safeguarding Letter received from CAFCASS ✓ Arrange for your representation at Court by a solicitor or barrister (counsel) ✓ Send all the paperwork to the person representing you at Court ✓ Send you the Order following the hearing advising on next steps ✓ Discuss your options and our further costs and fixed fees (if appropriate)	 ☑ Pay the Court fee or any other necessary disbursements (e.g. process server fees to serve the application if required) ☑ Pay the fee for your representation at Court by a solicitor or barrister (these fees will vary from case to case and will be agreed with you in advance) ☑ Enter into further correspondence with the other party, solicitors or the Court beyond the first hearing ☑ Prepare any further documents beyond the first hearing
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Beyond The First Hearing

If matters are not concluded at the first hearing then we will discuss with you further costs that will be incurred if we continue to represent you. We can discuss further fixed fees (if appropriate) and hourly rates to carry out work such as drafting statements, obtaining evidence, instructing experts and representation at future hearings.