

# transparent pricing

our standard fixed fees and hourly rates

Our vision is to be the most trusted and first choice advisors for everyone going through relationship changes.

When we started Evolve Family Law in 2015, we knew that we would only achieve this if we always give our clients value for money and if we are always fair and transparent on fees. This has been part of our culture from day one, and it is why we are one of the first law firms in the country to publish our fees online in this handy guide.



## our hourly rates ( All prices below include VAT )

Unless we agree a fixed price with you for our work, our fees are calculated on an hourly rate basis. All activity is charged according to the exact number of minutes it takes. **Unlike all other law firms, we do not have a minimum charging unit of six minutes**, which we think is outdated and unfair. Our hourly rates are as follows, and in order to provide you with an efficient and cost effective service, any or all of the following people may carry out work on your matter.

Professional Bio (in brief)	Specialist Services	Fee /hr (inc. 20% VAT)
<p><b>Louise Halford</b> Solicitor &amp; Founding Director</p> <p>22 years specialist experience in family law. 8 years as partner at two of the leading law firms for family law in the North West. Several Court of Appeal cases.</p>	<p>Divorce Matrimonial finances Children Contact and living arrangements Complex / intractable cases Parental alienation UK / international relocation International child abduction Adoption (UK and International)</p>	<p>£264 standard rate</p> <p>£336 higher rate*</p>
<p><b>Robin Charrot</b> Solicitor &amp; Founding Director</p> <p>20 years specialist experience in family law, inc partner at No.1 national family law firm, team leader at the World's leading offshore law firm. The North West's leading authority on nuptial agreements. Fellow of <a href="#">International Academy of Family Lawyers</a>, the world's leading organisation of family lawyers. Qualified Collaborative Lawyer and member of <a href="#">Resolution</a>.</p>	<p>Divorce and marital finances, or prenups / postnups involving:</p> <p>High net worth International / offshore elements Companies Trusts (including advising trustees) Interveners (particularly other family members) Surrogacy (UK and International)</p>	<p>£264 standard rate</p> <p>£336 higher rate*</p>
<p><b>Chris Strogen</b> Solicitor &amp; Consultant</p> <p>25 years experience, mostly spent in national firms combining fee earning with bespoke practice management.</p>	<p>Private Client work with emphasis on Will drafting, probate and administration</p>	<p>£240</p>
<p><b>Andrew Lee</b> Solicitor &amp; Consultant</p> <p>25+ years experience as a specialist family lawyer. Acted in cases involving premier league footballers, actors, musicians and other public figures. Frequently advises on cases involving substantial pension rights.</p>	<p>Relationship breakdown Financial matters, prenups Divorce Cohabitee disputes High value trusts Business interests Farms Children Injunction proceedings</p>	<p>£240 standard rate</p> <p>£288 higher rate*</p>
<p><b>Alison Barnett</b> Solicitor &amp; Consultant</p> <p>30+ years specialist experience in family law. Former partner at No.1 family law firm in the North West. Member of <a href="#">Resolution</a>.</p>	<p>Divorce and marital finances, including high net worth Children Cohabitee disputes Prenups and postnups Cohabitation agreements</p>	<p>£240 standard rate</p> <p>£288 higher rate*</p>
<p><b>[REDACTED]</b> [REDACTED]</p> <p>15+ years as a specialist Wills and Estates lawyer. Member of STEP for over 10 years. Lecturer to other legal and financial professionals for CLT, STEP and BPP</p>	<p>Wills Estate Planning Asset Protection Powers of Attorney Trusts Estate and Trust Disputes</p>	
<p><b>Zoë Kalton-Morris</b> Paralegal Former Police Officer with Greater Manchester Police, including secondments with CID, Family Support Unit, specialising as a sexual offences officer. Former Chairperson for Cheshire East Youth Offending Team referral panels. Degree educated in Criminology and Sociology.</p>		<p>£120</p>
<p><b>Alison Kay</b> Paralegal 15 years experience in family law firms, including one of the leading firms in the North West.</p>		<p>£120</p>
<p><b>Stephanie Richardson</b> Legal Assistant 20+ years experience in family law firms, including one of the leading firms in the North West.</p>		<p>£108</p>

\* Higher hourly rates apply to your case (or to parts of your case) where our work is exceptionally urgent, complex, or where it requires significant out of hours work. For any travel on your matter we charge 50% of the person's hourly rate.

We will invoice you for our hourly rate-based charges and any expenses on a monthly basis, which are payable straight away, unless we are undertaking a very high level of work for you, in which case we may submit invoices more frequently.

## expenses

Our day to day office overheads (for example printing and copying) are included in our above charges. Any expenses under £200 (for example Land Registry Fees or parking charges) will be paid by us and then added to our invoices. For any expenses over £200 (for example a property valuer) we will normally ask you to pay the expense directly. Whenever we use a barrister, we will ask you to pay their fee into an escrow account (see below) before it is incurred

## escrow account

If we are carrying out any non-fixed fee work for you, we will ask you to pay money on account of our fees and expenses into an escrow account before we start any work. The escrow account is managed by Shieldpay [www.shieldpay.com](http://www.shieldpay.com) who are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (770210) as a Payment Services Firm.



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