

Family Solicitor Questionnaire

<p>How long have you been practising law?</p>	
<p>Do you specialise in family law? If not, how much of your caseload involves family law? Are there family law specialists at your firm?</p>	
<p>How heavy is your caseload at the moment? In other words, do you have enough time to devote your attention to my case fully?</p>	
<p>Based on your previous experience, what issues do you anticipate could arise in my case?</p>	
<p>How long do you think it will take to settle my case? (Obviously this is a 'best case scenario' question, but it helps to get an idea of how long your case could take if all goes well.)</p>	
<p>What is your hourly rate? Do you bill in ten-minute increments, by the minute or by the hour?</p>	
<p>Are there different rates for different tasks? For example, does it cost more to speak to you in person or on the phone? Is it less expensive to have you email me?</p>	
<p>What are the charges for disbursements? Are there additional charges for tasks undertaken by other staff in your office, such as your assistant? Will I need to pay a retainer to secure your services?</p>	
<p>How will you keep me updated? How often? What charges will be involved in this and can I choose a cheaper alternative if it's available?</p>	
<p>What can I do to make this process faster and less expensive?</p>	