

Need more help? Would you like some more information, or to speak to a member of our team? Simply pop in, pick up the phone or drop us an email to discuss how we can help you and your family or business. **T:** 0113 290 0380 **E:** info@pudseylegal.com **www.pudseylegal.com**



Family law
Financial remedy

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Fixed Price

first interview for initial advice

Likely to take no more than 30 minutes and we have a fixed price for this first interview. At this meeting we'll listen carefully to your situation, wishes and then explain, what lies ahead, the potential costs and how we charge for our work. If you instruct us to act for you, we will deduct this payment from our final bill.

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Court application

We'll make an application to the court requesting a hearing to deal with the matrimonial assets (everything you own). The application will then be issued and the court will provide a timetable for documents to be filed (such as a financial statement, a request for further information about assets not already mentioned).

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First hearing

This will be a short hearing where the Judge will want to consider the documents filed and what other information is requested by the parties. The Judge will then decide what should happen next and by what date. A further hearing date will be set, this being the Financial Dispute Resolution (FDR) Hearing.

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Application and directions order

Both parties will prepare, serve and file the requested documents with the court on the dates ordered. We'll also consider any other directions from the court that may be required for financial disclosure. If the values of the house or business are in dispute then valuations can be requested at the first hearing.

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Financial dispute resolution hearing (FDR)

All parties must attend the hearing. This is a lengthy hearing and can take 3-4 hours. The hearing gives the parties an opportunity to consider and make proposals in an attempt to reach an agreement.

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Payment of our fees

At the outset, we'll estimate your charges based on previous cases which are similar to yours. We'll then set up an account for you and send you a monthly bill which includes a breakdown of the work carried out so far.

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Final hearing

The final hearing may take a full day and parties have to give evidence on oath, where they will be cross-examined by the other party. The Judge will make a final order as to how the assets will be distributed, having considered all the evidence and heard the submissions made by the solicitors on behalf of their clients.

Agreement

If an agreement is reached during the FDR hearing, then this will be drafted and the Judge will approve it by making a final decision. If not, then the judge will give an indication as to how the assets may be split if the matter went to a final hearing. Both parties will have time to reconsider offers and negotiate. If they are still unable to agree, the Judge will set a date for a final hearing.

Ready for the next step?

We've tried our best to illustrate the normal stages involved in recovering a debt – but please note that every case is different.

We'll always advise you individually and make you aware of any extra stages required where we can.