

# Separate well with one lawyer – how it works

## First individual meetings

You and your partner each meet with your lawyer to discuss your situation.

## First joint meeting

We meet together to agree the issues to be sorted out, how to do that, what information needs to be exchanged, and by when.

## Considering options

We'll discuss whether our separate well with one lawyer process is right for you and your family, before you sign an agreement to proceed.

## Financial review meeting

Together we will review the financial information and work out what else is needed. If your case is straightforward, this meeting may not be necessary.

## Meeting to discuss the arrangements for your children

Reducing conflict is particularly important if you have children. We will help you to agree a Parenting Plan.

## Analysing outcomes

We will provide you with a written analysis of your options in line with what you have told us you hope to achieve. You will have time to review these so that we can talk about settlement options at our next meeting.

## Negotiation meeting

We will consider the various options for settlement and help you to reach a "without prejudice" agreement.

## 14 day cooling off period

If the issues are resolved at the negotiation meeting, we recommend you have 14 days to reflect before signing the agreement.

## Final meeting

Once you reach an agreement, your lawyer will draw up a binding agreement for you both to sign.

## Finalising

We will send the paperwork to the court to be approved by a judge as quickly as possible.

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