



Dispute Resolution

Handling your matters
out of court

LAURUS

In family matters, your wellbeing is our first concern. That's why we offer a range of dispute resolution services to settle matters outside of the courtroom.

Each individual case has different requirements. Dispute resolution refers to the ways we meet your needs without the stress of a trial. Our expert team can guide you through alternative means of managing a separation, family or financial arrangements. It's often faster and more cost-effective than going to trial, but if you do decide to litigate, our experts can take care of that too.

Understanding and supporting all of our clients is our top priority. Our team's skill and experience with complex issues means they can give you robust support throughout your dispute resolution proceedings. They'll discuss with you the method which will best fit your needs and will achieve your desired outcome.





WHY CHOOSE LAURUS?

We think legal matters should be jargon-free, efficient and completed with the minimum of fuss. Our lawyers have got the right expertise to put your needs at the centre of everything they do, which is why we're happy to help you explore alternative ways of resolving your case.

Our dispute resolution team is led by experts with decades of experience in ADR and family law. They're accredited by the Family Mediators Association, an industry governing body, and active members of Resolution, who promote best practice in family law.

Complimentary to our in-house experience we have longstanding relationships with a network of industry leading experts in dispute resolution which includes Barristers, QCs and Judges. We will ensure you have the best team around you to achieve the outcome you desire.

OUR TEAM



WILLIAM HOGG FMCA
HEAD OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION

William is an authority on mediation in the family law space, with 40 years' experience in high-conflict, high-profile family issues. His qualifications include being an FMA accredited mediator, and he is able to undertake direct consultation with children as a result of dedicated training. This experience takes him on matters across the country, as well as to lecture on family mediation internationally.

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**WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?
OUR AREAS OF EXPERTISE INCLUDE:**

MEDIATION & CHILD INCLUSIVE MEDIATION

Often, separating couples need help resolving finances and making child arrangements that have their children's best interests at front of mind. With mediation, we provide the space to talk and make agreements in a structured, professional environment.

ARBITRATION

Family arbitration is a fast, confidential alternative to taking your dispute to court. The arbitrator's final decision is legally binding, like a court ruling, but the waiting times are shorter, so you won't have to put your life on hold.

Arbitration gives you the privacy you deserve in challenging times. No press is allowed at your hearings, and you'll be in a much less formal, more comfortable venue than at court.

EARLY NEUTRAL EVALUATION (ENE)

When separating couples disagree on issues in a case, early neutral evaluation can tell you what a Judge's ruling would be - without the cost and worry of going to court. With ENE, we can help bring clarity and impartiality to your negotiations.

PRIVATE FDR

An FDR (financial dispute resolution) allows you to find out, from a lawyer, the likely outcome of your case. You can use this information to make your own, fair decisions on a settlement, without a Judge imposing one on you. There will be no press or third party intrusions, and you'll be in a comfortable location of your choosing, to help you achieve an agreement at a pace and environment that suits you.



HOW WE CHARGE

We pride ourselves on being entirely transparent in our legal fees, as well as any anticipated third-party costs you may incur during the course of your matter.

Our lawyers work on an hourly rate which will be communicated to you clearly when discussing how we can help you. We will also give you a clear indication of how much of our time will be required and update you every step of the way.

Where we are able to work on a fixed-fee basis, this will be agreed with you at the outset of your case alongside a clearly defined timeframe to help to resolve your dispute.



Instructing a law firm should be easy and reassuring. At Laurus, you can instruct us in person or online, and we'll keep in touch at every step using whichever method you prefer – at our offices, via video conference, telephone, email or WhatsApp.

We're fully transparent about how your case is progressing, how much we charge, and how soon you'll see results.

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