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What options do I have if my relationship breaks down?

Mediation

Meeting between you, your former partner and a mediator.

Agreement drawn up in a Memorandum of Understanding.

Each take advice from own solicitors on Memorandum of Understanding.

If Memorandum approved, your TLT solicitor will prepare a draft order for consideration by the court; or if appropriate an agreement will be drawn up and signed (no need to attend court).

Overview

A dynamic process where both you and your former partner are present during negotiations, and so may save time and costs compared to traditional court route. A trained mediator is impartial and can provide a fresh perspective.

Collaborative law

Four-way meetings with you, your TLT solicitor, your former partner and their solicitor.

Agreement signed between you and your former partner.

Any agreement reached can be submitted to the court for approval and an order made.

Overview

Face to face discussions, with a lawyer for both you and your former partner present for direct negotiations, which may speed up the process. However, if no agreement met, new solicitors will need to be appointed and a new approach taken.

Negotiation

Negotiation takes place through correspondence with solicitors.

Agree a settlement through negotiation with the assistance of your solicitors.

If agreement is reached, your solicitors can submit a draft order to the court for approval.

Overview

May be suitable if trust has broken down and a power imbalance between you and your former partner. As communication conducted through correspondence, this may be a longer process.

Court

Court manages the process and provides a timetable.

Ultimately a court hearing where judge decides all issues.

Overview

Traditional route involving courts from the outset. May be more costly than alternative routes. Does not present an agreement without a court hearing.

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