



Unified in Separation

Your future your way

Private Financial Dispute Resolution

– what is it and why should you consider using it?

If you are already in court proceedings, then a private financial dispute resolution hearing (“FDR”) can replace part of the court process. Essentially, you step outside the court process and hold the hearing in front of a privately-trained ‘judge’. You can also hold a private FDR if you aren’t in court proceedings but you have engaged with and completed the financial disclosure process with your partner. A private FDR can be used in financial cases for both married and unmarried couples.

You present your case in the same manner as a court FDR hearing with the aim being to narrow the issues and reach a settlement. The ‘judge’ will provide their view on your case and you will use this to guide negotiations.

In cases where court proceedings have already been issued, it can be arranged far more quickly than a court-arranged hearing and the ‘judge’ will have far more time to read the papers and consider matters carefully. For cases that are not in the court process, it can assist with settlement negotiations and avoid the cost of protracted court proceedings.

Key benefits:

- You can choose your ‘judge’ based on experience, specialisms and availability
- You benefit from the assistance of the ‘judge’ all day rather than for a time-limited slot in court
- The FDR process has high settlement rates.



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