



## Unified in Separation

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### Arbitration

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

Arbitration is an alternative process to making an application to court for a judge to decide on any outstanding issues that you and your partner cannot agree on. In most cases the court process is lengthy, costly and stressful. Arbitration is generally a quicker, more cost-effective, and more personalised process than court proceedings. There is also the added benefit of being able to choose your arbitrator and the steps which need to be undertaken prior to the arbitration taking place.

A specially-trained family arbitrator, most of whom are also serving barristers, solicitors and ex-judges, will be instructed to decide on any cases which cannot be agreed. They can make a final and binding decision known as an ‘award’ on financial matters, child arrangements, or any isolated points of dispute that you may have.

If you find yourself in a position where court proceedings appear to be the only remaining option, then arbitration could work best for you.

#### Key benefits:

- You are able to choose your arbitrator based on their background, specialisms and experience
- Any decision made is legally binding
- Costs are agreed at the outset
- Much quicker than traditional court proceedings
- Arbitration can be a good option to follow on from the one lawyer approach or mediation, where issues have been narrowed but not fully resolved.



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