

Reducing the cost of Divorce with The Barrister Broker

It might not be the most cheerful subject to talk about but divorce is something that happens frequently these days, especially at the start of a New Year when people have had a chance to reflect over the holiday break and come to the conclusion that they would be better off out of their unhappy marriages. However, one factor that holds so many people back is the worry of what the legal costs could amount to if they decide to go down the route of divorce!

Fortunately, a change in the law has meant that members of the public can now take their legal matters direct to the legal experts themselves - to Barristers - and can avoid the additional expense of using a solicitor completely. It may sound surprising, but I am reliably informed that going direct to Barristers will cost you in the region of 50% less than if you went through a solicitor - a rather considerable amount. I only wish I had known about this service when I got divorced!

Local businessman Russell Burton, known as The Barrister Broker, is an independent middle man between members of the public and Barristers. After spending over 20 years as a Barristers' Clerk in London (ever watched the ITV hit "Silk" - remember Billy the Clerk!), Russell set up independently in Sevenoaks at the beginning of 2012 and now is also Edenbridge based.

"A solicitor may (and many do) instruct a Barrister to act on behalf of a client at some stage of the

proceedings, often to advise on the client's case or represent the client in court." Russell explains "but at this point the client is paying for two lawyers which is completely unnecessary. It is far more logical and much more cost-effective for a client to cut out the solicitor middleman altogether and go direct to a barrister who will give the client expert advice from the outset, represent the client in court (if it goes that far) and help the client get the best outcome."

Russell continues "the legal process can be a minefield and if a person decides to go it alone to avoid lawyer's fees and gets it wrong, they can expect the experience to be unpleasant and expensive, but go it alone whilst engaging the legal expertise of a Barrister to help you along your journey then that person dramatically increases their chances of getting a best outcome and does so highly cost-effectively."

Russell sees that his clients get as much support as they need in order to help them achieve the best outcome.

"Whether you are considering getting divorced or are already in the process of getting divorced and have a solicitor acting for you, it will be in your best interests to call me in confidence. It will cost you nothing to speak to me but I could end up saving you thousands."

You can contact Russell directly on **07971 285 796** to see how he can help you. As well as Divorce Barristers, Russell has access to a wider team of Barristers in other specialist areas of the law.



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