

The Barrister Broker - reducing your legal costs



"It's only now that I find out that I didn't need to marry the publisher of the Crowborough Directory in order to have my own column. Just as well I know the ins and outs of how to divorce without using a solicitor and spending a fortune! I can help you save on your legal costs too and will explain how in this column.

My wife, the editor and owner of this great magazine is a busy lady who spends a lot of time getting involved in the local community and promoting local businesses. As her "supportive" husband, I have started joining Laura in some of the local events she attends such as the Crowborough Summer Fair in July. I've certainly found that I'm busier than I've ever been getting out and about with her.

In a professional capacity, I worked as a Barristers' Clerk in London for more than 20 years which involved managing the casework of Barristers. Traditionally the work of Barristers came via solicitors but following a change in legislation a couple of years ago, Barristers can now accept work directly from clients instead of having to have a solicitor in the middle. This is

the reason I formed The Barrister Broker, so that I could directly help businesses and individuals by giving them access to the legal expertise of Barristers, helping them to get the best outcome as cost-effectively as possible.

The 3 main benefits in using Barristers are:

1. **Expertise** – Barristers are specialist in a specific area or areas of the law – they know their area of law inside and out.
2. **Cost** – Barristers will cost you less overall – sometimes as much as 50% less than if you went to a solicitor. This is because Barristers have special expertise and can do things quickly – they get straight to the point. They also have considerably lower operating overheads.
3. **Fixed Fees** – I charge my Barristers on a fixed fee basis, not an hourly rate basis which a solicitor would normally charge. With me, you will know how much it will cost before any work is done. YOU are in control.

And it's not just about court based work. Barristers provide a range of highly valuable legal services. For example, you may want a contract drafted or checked, a lease amended, advice on an employment law issue or maybe on a will, or perhaps your neighbour has built a shed on part of your garden and you want to know where you stand? I mentioned divorce above. Divorce can cost a small fortune using a solicitor. If you are thinking about getting divorced, or maybe you are already in the process, I strongly recommend you speak to me (it doesn't matter if you already have a solicitor acting for you, you can still have a conversation with me). It won't cost you anything to speak to me, but I could end up saving you thousands!"

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