



ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION | ARBITRATION



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Choosing the right arbitrator for your family matter is crucial.

Julian Bremner is a qualified Financial Arbitrator and a Partner at family law specialists Rayden Solicitors, and has been practicing family law for over 25 years. As a Financial Arbitrator he is qualified to determine financial disputes between parties as a quicker and often more cost effective alternative to court proceedings. He has successfully conducted arbitrations for both those who do have a legal team working with them – as well as those who have decided to proceed without legal representation.

Julian is a very experienced practitioner across all areas of family law and in particular medium to high net worth matters, where there is a need to resolve financial disputes involving high net worth individuals and families with significant wealth held in a variety of different structures and jurisdictions. He also deals regularly with Civil Partnership disputes, cohabitation disputes, separation agreements, pre nuptial agreements and additional financial provision for children of unmarried parents.

ARBITRATION IN FINANCIAL DISPUTES

Arbitration is one of the alternative dispute resolution options available to help you resolve your case swiftly and efficiently. An arbitrator acts in a judicial capacity to make reasoned decisions in your case without the need to attend court. The decision of an arbitrator is as binding as the decision of a judge in the court process and it has the full support of the court. You will continue to have the support of your legal team who will represent you throughout the arbitration process, unless you choose to represent yourself.

BENEFITS OF ARBITRATION

- Expertise You and the other party are able to select an arbitrator who is an expert in the area of the dispute.
- Time You will avoid the very long delays between court stages and the process can progress at your pace.
- Preparation Your arbitrator will know your case, will have read the documents and will know the facts of the matter prior to any arbitration hearing.
- Flexibility Arbitration is a bespoke process. It can be as formal or informal as you need it to be.
- Location Arbitration can take place at a location to suit you.
- Costs You and your partner normally share the cost of the arbitrator's fees. It is more cost effective than going through the court process because of court delay, much shorter hearing times and no 'side arguments' while you wait the many months to final hearing.

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HOW ARBITRATION WORKS

The process comprises three stages:

- 1. Preparation: choosing the arbitrator and agreeing the parameters of the arbitration process i.e. what decisions the arbitrator will be required to make.
- 2. The Arbitration: the first arbitration meeting is usually via a conference call. All subsequent meetings can be conducted either in person at a mutually convenient venue, or via preferred virtual meeting platforms or conference call facilities. Solicitors and/or barristers are able to represent you or you can represent yourself. At the first meeting a timetable for your case will be agreed. You will also agree directions for what should happen and by when, whether there should be a hearing or whether the arbitrator can make a decision based on the paperwork alone.
- 3. Conclusion: your arbitrator will consider the evidence provided (whether at a hearing or on paper) and will make a final decision. Your arbitrator will provide written reasons for the decision to both parties. This decision will be put to the court to be made an order of the court.

WHEN TO USE ARBITRATION

The following is a non-exhaustive list of circumstances when arbitration may be appropriate for resolving your case.

- You have undergone mediation and have made real progress but there are some issues remaining between you and the other party that require a decision.
- If your mediation has progressed but no agreement has been reached.
- If you have been negotiating through your solicitor (and may have already exchanged financial disclosure and offers) and negotiations have stalled.
- You have engaged in the court process and have perhaps reached the exchange of financial disclosure, the First Appointment or had a failed Dispute Resolution hearing.
- You want to avoid waiting for a court timetable and want your matter to be resolved effectively and efficiently, as soon as possible.
- In some cases, arbitration can run alongside the court process so that decisions are made by the arbitrator between hearings to prevent a delay in progressing matters at court.

CONTACT DETAILS

If you think arbitration would suit you and your family matter, you can contact Julian Bremner at arbitration@raydensolicitors.co.uk or if you wish to discuss further please telephone Julian on 0203 468 7202.

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Julian's approach is firm but pragmatic.
He takes great pride in being recognised by professional peers and clients for his skill at understanding a client's desired outcome, reviewing their case, and quickly asserting a workable strategy. It is this approach which helps achieve client's objectives, which is increasingly to negotiate a fair and reasonable settlement.

TESTIMONIALS

"I received the best advice based on his extensive knowledge of the law. He is extremely detailed. Given the stress that the process puts on you, I only felt okay because I knew Julian was on the case on my behalf." Client

"Julian has a great knack of deciphering subjective ramblings and putting a very succinct and objective communication together. He takes an extremely pragmatic approach based on case histories, the law, client input and data. To be blunt this is really what I expect from someone knowing their job and interested in their clients. He does a good job of watching the purse as well."

"Julian is a very experienced lawyer with expertise in financial and children matters. He has superb client care skills and his preparation and thoroughness are second to none."

Professional Referee

