SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PROCEEDINGS



Mediation?



Issue Form A

Usually 12



Weeks from to FDA

Court sets date for the First Directions Appointment (FDA)



First Directions Appointment (can be combined with FDR if parties agree)



Financial Dispute Resolution Hearing (FDR)



Final Hearing

Before applying for financial relief, the Applicant must attend a Mediation Information and Assessment Meeting (MIAM), unless exemptions apply.

Application to the court to determine the financial matters Filing & serving Form A starts the court process. £255 Court fee.

Court sets dates for filing & exchange of a) Form E (5 weeks before the FDA) b) Questionnaire, Statement of Issues & Chronology (2 weeks before FDA)

Applicant sends Form A to mortgage company & pension providers. Parties exchange Form E.

File & serve, Chronology, Statement of issues, Questionnaire & Form G. Agree case summary. File estimate of costs (Form H)

Court makes directions to determine: which questions shall be responded to; whether it is necessary and proportionate to appoint an expert valuation/report; what further evidence is required

A without prejudice hearing at which the parties are encouraged to settle. The judge can provide an indication of their views on the case. The same Judge cannot conduct the final hearing if the parties do not reach an agreement.

If no agreement at FDR, the judge will make directions and set the case down for final hearing. Preparation of:

- Bundles
- Briefs
- Open positions/offers
- Detailed costs estimate form H1 filed

The Judge will provide a reasoned judgement & grant a Final Order after hearing evidence from the parties, including any expert evidence.

The parties may agree to voluntary disclosure by way of Forms E as an alternative to Court proceedings. The parties may reach agreement and file a Consent Order at

Court at any

time (even

if Court

proceedings

have been

commenced).













