

Family Arbitration Scheme – Arbitration now available at Russell-Cooke

Family arbitration is now available as a means of resolving financial and property disputes between divorcing and separating couples. This is an exciting development and will allow couples an alternative to going to court if they have not been able to resolve their dispute through other means. Couples will now be able to choose to proceed through arbitration, where a qualified family law arbitrator will decide their case. The parties should have more control over the timetable and procedure than they would if their case proceeded through the courts, and the proceedings and outcome will remain confidential. Arbitration will be available both to decide on all of the aspects of a couple's financial and property dispute and to consider a specific issue where the couple have been able to agree on other areas.

From 26 March 2012, Fiona Read of Russell-Cooke will be able to conduct arbitrations at our offices in Putney and Bedford Row, and elsewhere. We have rooms available to use both for the arbitration and for the parties and their legal advisors to consult before and during the arbitration process. Fiona will be offering competitive packages based on the requirements of each case.

Fiona is a partner and head of the Family team. She is a highly regarded family law specialist, having practised as a family solicitor for 25 years and with 15 years experience as a qualified mediator. She sits as a part time district judge. Fiona is one of the first qualified family arbitrators and is a member of the Institute for Family Law Arbitrators and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Information on how to apply for arbitration and how the process works is now available on the Family Arbitration page of our website <http://www.russell-cooke.co.uk/service-detail.cfm?id=231>

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