

## THE TRADITIONAL PROCESS

Two firms, hourly billing, court timetables

Each Spouse Hires a Solicitor

Law Firm A

Law Firm B

Issuing Form A,  
Preparing Disclosure

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First Appointment

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Replies to  
Questionnaires,  
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FDR or Exchange  
WP Offer

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Final Hearing /  
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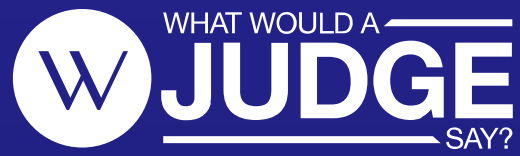
Judge Gives Judgment

**£44,000**

average cost per couple

Sources: Legal Futures; Aviva (2014)

#DivorceLabyrinth



## THE JUDGE-LED ROUTE

1

**Use SmartJudge to Add Details**

Free, online and at your own pace

2

**Agree to Proceed**

Agree barrister or judge route fixed fee

3

**Judge or Barrister Written Opinion**

How your assets would likely be divided

4

**Debrief With a Solicitor**

Understand the opinion and next steps

6 WEEKS

Want help turning the  
judge's opinion  
into a divorce?

YES

NO

**Paradigm Family Law**

Prepare and submit your  
consent order and divorce  
paperwork for you.

**You pay only the  
£612 court fee\***

**Your Other Routes**

- A · Your own solicitor
- B · DIY submission
- C · Mediation
- D · Not divorcing

\*Court application fee, as of April 2025

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