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HOW TO REDUCE THE COSTS ON YOUR CASE

The purpose of this Stowe guide is to provide tips on how we can work together to manage your case in the most cost-effective way.

Getting the legal paperwork right is crucial to avoiding stressful and lengthy delays to your case. At Stowe, we will work with you to ensure that everything possible is done to achieve a fair settlement, as quickly and effectively as possible.

Certain costs in your case such as court fees are fixed and unavoidable. However, there are several ways of working that can help manage time more effectively and thereby reduce overall costs.

Five steps for managing your time and saving costs

1. Organise all your paperwork, documents and correspondence in one place, in chronological order. There is a lot of form filling in a family law case, so having easy access to the required information saves you and your lawyer time.

2. Be open and honest about your situation and share as much information as you can at the beginning. It will save time tracking down documents or reports later.
3. Make a note of questions and things to discuss as they come to you. Unless they are urgent, collate them together and aim to deal with multiple issues in one email or phone call. This avoids calling or emailing with lots of small queries and we can respond to each point in one email or call.
4. Sign and return paperwork as promptly as you can. This removes any need to spend time chasing signatures or the return of crucial documents.
5. Don't lose sight of the bigger picture. There will be minor issues along the way, but you need to think about what is important to you and invest your time and money in that area. Let the less important stuff go.

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