

First Directions Appointment

The First Appointment is the first Court hearing in an Application for a Financial Remedy, it is a Directions hearing to prepare the matter for the Financial Dispute Resolution Hearing (FDR) which will follow. If there is no resolution, the matter will proceed to a Final Hearing.

You should agree a value/market appraisal of the family home, also the value of any other property or business and provide written evidence from an independent financial advisor about your mortgage borrowing capacity, together with a composite case summary and schedule of assets and income known as Forms ES1 & ES2.

The District Judge will exercise case management powers and make Directions so that you are in a position to negotiate with a view to a final financial settlement at the FDR, but it is imperative the Directions Order has been complied with.