

## Information about MIAMs

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The world is changing and the practice of family law is changing with it; in a way that should benefit families in the future.

With effect from 6 April 2011, before court proceedings are issued for most financial remedies and orders concerning children, family solicitors have to consider with clients whether they should attend a Mediation Information and Assessment Meeting (MIAM).

The Mills & Reeve family law team has mediators operating out of all our offices nationally, and we should be pleased to assist clients who need to attend a Mediation Information and Assessment Meeting (MIAM) and/or who would benefit from the mediation process. We will not be offering a publicly funded MIAM service and so please do check whether you are eligible for publicly funded mediation.

We offer the MIAM at a cost of £150 + VAT for each client who attends individually, or £150 + VAT for both of a couple if they attend the same appointment. If each of a couple attend separate meetings, the charge will be £150 + VAT each. The meetings last about 45 minutes, and you will, if appropriate, be provided with the form FM1 at the end of the meeting.

The usual conflict checks and identification procedures will need to be followed when you attend for the MIAM, and we will expect to take a credit card or cheque payment immediately prior to the meeting taking place.

Our family mediators have all specialised in the area of family law for many years, and during that time, have experienced the widest possible range of family situations.

Detailed ADR CVs of our mediators can be provided on request. There is also more information on our website which explains the processes of mediation and collaborative law (see [www.divorce.co.uk](http://www.divorce.co.uk)) If you would like to discuss any of the issues arising from this radical change to the family law world, please give any of our family mediators or other family lawyers a call.

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