

## **Self-Representation to save Legal Fees**

In the past Government funding through Legal Aid was available to most people who had normal means and a good case. Unfortunately it is not now available for most non family cases (and not for many family cases).

Although full legal representation by an experienced lawyer in a court dispute is best, we appreciate that for many it can be too expensive if funding is not available through legal expense insurance.

We want to help access to justice irrespective of wealth and to support those who can't afford full representation to run the case themselves having our advice and help on specific points or tasks. This service is sometimes called 'Unbundling' or a 'Limited Retainer'.

Unbundling means our involvement in your case is limited to certain predefined tasks. It is your responsibility to complete the other required tasks throughout your case. You will need to have the time and aptitude to do that.

Some of the most common unbundled services include:

- Advice on particular court procedures
- Advice on the strength of the case
- Drafting court statements of your case or other documents
- Advice on case strategy and tactics
- Representation at specific court hearings
- Negotiating at specific points
- Drafting documents for use at mediations
- Reviewing documents.

Unbundling is not appropriate for all cases and we are happy to discuss this as one of your options as well as possible methods of funding your case with full representation. See our separate fact sheet on [How to Fund Disputes](#)

**Please contact any of our Dispute Resolution team and ask about unbundling if you are interested in this.**

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