

WHAT YOU NEED  
TO KNOW ABOUT

# Round Table Meetings

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Law firms may use round table meetings to reach a divorce settlement outside of court.

They are often used when parties are on amicable terms and need to unblock key differences.

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Both parties and their legal representatives sit down together to resolve their differences.

Parties commit to hearing each other's point of view, shifting from a combative approach to a more collaborative one.

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# How Many Meetings Will You Need?

The number of meetings will depend on the circumstances of your cases. You may only need one meeting (1-3 hours). Or in complex cases, you may need three or four meetings.

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## Why Use Them?

**Focus.** Everyone enters the room with a shared ‘problem-solving mindset’ which is focussed on finding a solution. Having your solicitor with you on the day means you can unblock any legal questions as they arise.

**Time and Cost Savings.** A settlement through correspondence between law firms can be time consuming and expensive. Round table meetings can be an effective way for parties to overcome “deal breakers.” And save money in legal fees.

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## Why Use Them (continued)

**Control.** Round table meetings offer couples the opportunity to control the outcome. This changes when a case reaches court.

**Privacy.** Round table meetings can be more discreet. Law firms hold them in private offices, avoiding busy courtrooms.

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# What happens after the meeting?

If you reach an agreement, your solicitor will draft a court order. Both parties will agree and sign the order in a final meeting.

It is then filed with the court to make sure it's legally binding.

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