

# Arbitration – Where you have a role in resolving your dispute

Our arbitration model can resolve your property dispute quickly and at less cost than court.

## What types of disputes can arbitration resolve?

If you are in court arbitration can be used to resolve disputes about property division.

If you are not in court, our arbitration model can be used to resolve a wider range of disputes including:

- property division
- disputes around financial agreements

Parenting issues cannot be arbitrated.

## Costs

Going to court over property issues can cost each person the equivalent of buying a new car.

Arbitration is a fraction of the cost and can determine the property dispute within three (3) months (as long as everyone complies with the directions).

## Is arbitration mandatory?

To start arbitration, both of you must agree to have your dispute arbitrated.

## Can you still reach agreement before a decision is made by the arbitrator?

Yes. At each step of the way we help you to resolve your dispute by agreement.

If some issues cannot be agreed, a decision can be made which is also binding.

## What can an arbitrator do?

The arbitrator is able to:

- make directions
- determine a dispute on the material filed without hearing oral evidence (if agreed by all involved)
- make a decision about the issues in the dispute
- require disclosure of documents
- hear evidence and ask questions of witnesses
- subpoena witnesses or information

## What if someone fails to comply with directions of the arbitrator?

The arbitrator can:

- suspend or terminate the arbitration
- make an award for costs against the defaulting person
- make a final award determining the dispute

### For more information

Call us on 0405 305 500 or email us at info@jbflma.com.au to see how we can help you.