

# **Agenda**

- Some background
- Run through the divorce platform

### **Vision Justice 42**

#### 1. People-centred

- Empowering to gain control over process
- Easy to understand

### 1. Making use of technology

- Automise, but also personalise
- Offer support to both customer and professional

### 2. Integrated customer journey

- Connecting the right instances/professionals to customers
- Legal, as well as non-legal

### 1. Sustainable solutions | feedback loop

- Data-analysis (incl. surveys) → continuous improvement
- Aftercare

### A bit of history

- Started out as a Rechtwijzer a project of Hague Institute for Innovation of Law, Dutch Legal Aid Board en Modria (2014-2017)
  - Divorce platform
  - Landlord-tenant platform
  - Divorce for Legal Services Society, British Columbia
  - Pilot in the UK
- LAB's vision of next step for the platform: the legal market should take it further
- As of 2017 continuation as Justice42
  - Social enterprise
  - Rebuilt of IT platform | live as of September 2017
  - Focus on divorce
    - next platform is in the making (disputes citizens government)

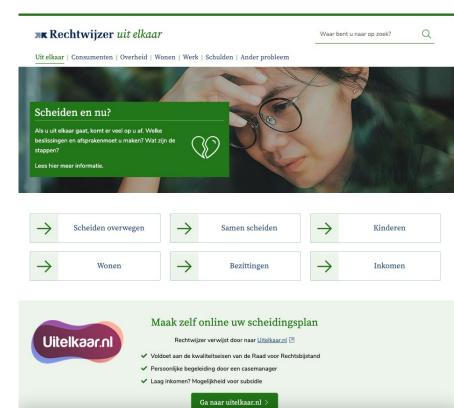


### **Current position divorce platform**

- Not owned by or fully integrated with government/judiciary/legal aid board
- But cooperation through
  - Targeted financial legal aid regulation for lower income clients
  - Referred to at website Rechtwijzer (of Legal Aid Board)
    - evaluated periodically on a set of criteria by external commission



- Also referred to on a number of other (local) governmental websites
- Part of a government experiment to achieve better routing of divorce cases: new, digital divorce route in addition to lawyer and mediator
- Allows us to run sustainably financially
  - 40-50 finalised cases per month



### **Divorce procedure in the Netherlands**

If spouses **petition jointly** for divorce (65% of cases)

- one lawyer
- parenting plan
- divorce agreement

Mediation stimulated by government since 2005

### Parenting plan mandatory since 2009

- for all parents with joint legal custody
- after marriage or cohabitation

# **Target group**

### **Couples that are**

- willing to cooperate (have the best interest of children in mind)
- literate
- able to work digitally
- for complex divorces, extra help can be added
  - o financial/fiscal complexities, debts, owning companies, etc

#### **Uitelkaar.nl numbers**

- 55% divorce cases with minor children
- 10% cohabitation with minor children
- 35% divorce cases without minor children
- Opting for co-parenting (50/50): in 60% of cases



# Set up

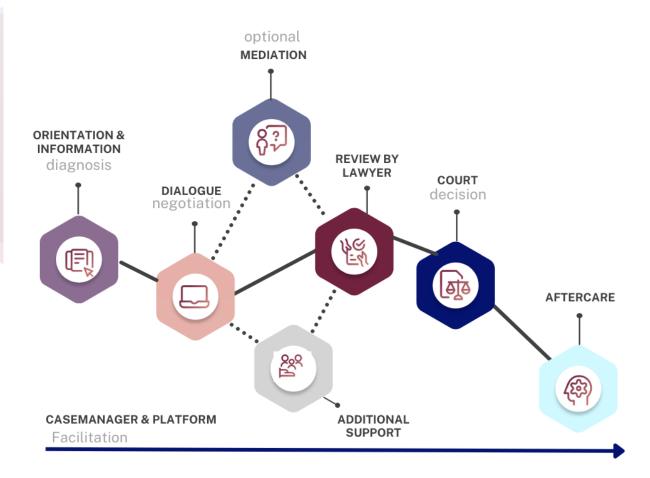
#### Online platform for dispute resolution

- Own time, own words and pace
- Structured, neutral
- De-escalating, problem-solving
- In control, fixed price

#### ... with support

- Casemanager | process support
- Lawyer | review and formalisation
- Mediator | face-to-face or online
- Additional experts | if needed

### Integrated dispute resolution on Uitelkaar.nl



### Step-by-step

Registration

Intake

Dialogue

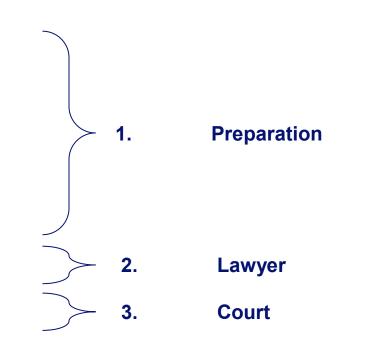
Support + extra services

Pre-review

Review

Formalising

Aftercare



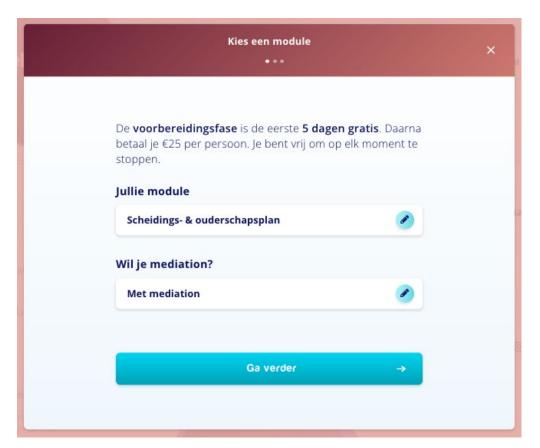
Casemanager

& platform

## Registration

# Client picks a plan and can opt for mediation module

→ mediation can also be requested later in process



### **Intake**

# Both (ex-)partners answer questions

Focus on interests and deescalation

Answers of both partners are visible to both at the end of the intake

#### **Topics**

- Children
- Housing
- Assets
- Income
- Communication





## From intake to dialogue

#### **Getting to agreements**

Structure

Suggestions for texts that fit their situation

Targeted information and referrals

#### Hoe vaak zijn jullie het eens?



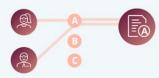
Jullie ideeen komen overeen

9 keer

Intake answers compared



### Hoe komen suggestieteksten tot stand?



Jullie antwoord was hetzelfde: dan

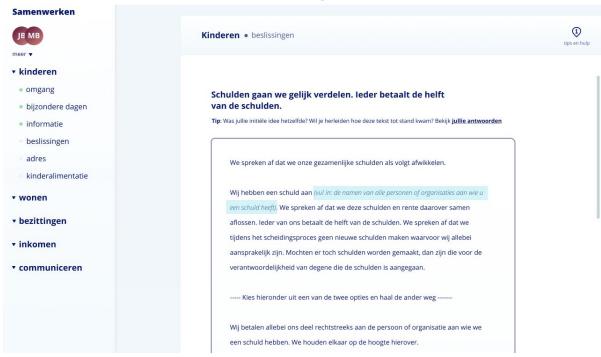
is de suggestietekst eensgezind en hoef je alleen details in te vullen.



Jullie antwoord was verschillend:

Er is waarschijnlijk meer overleg nodig om tot een goede afspraak te komen.

## **Dialogue**



In case of **mediation** module, sessions are planned.

Mediator focusses with parties on the topics they need help with

- Overview of relevant topics
- Parties add to the standard texts generated by the platform

### **Dialogue**



- Both **agree** per topic
- Uploading documents



# @Anouk Wisman @Sylvia de Vaal @Dornt Schröder Annuk Wilsman on 09:35 uur ander via een speciaal hiervoor aangevraagde Anouk Wilsman om 15:23 uur @Domit Schröder @Anouk Wisman

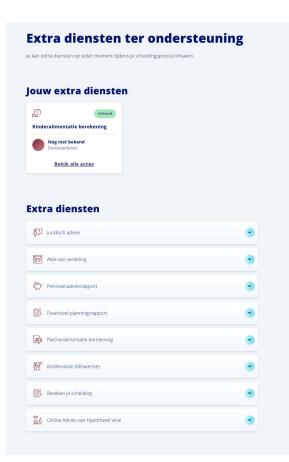
## **Support & extra services**

#### Casemanager

- offers
  - emotional support
  - practical/technical support
  - standard legal advice
- links to additional service providers or consults with lawyers

Communication **through messages** or phone

Easily accessible & short response times



## Pre-review by casemanager

Checks case before continuation to lawyer for review

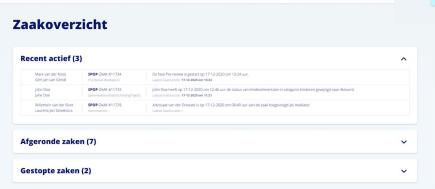
- Check content agreements
- Check documents
- Editing texts

On average 3 feedback rounds



### Review

- Lawyer is notified and joins the case
- Checks the agreements and uploaded documents online
  - Informed consent
  - Balance
  - Legal validity
- Adds comments







### **Formalisation**

#### **SCHEIDINGSPLAN**

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One-time **meeting** with lawyer (online or offline)

Lawyer **submits divorce** at court (no hearing needed)



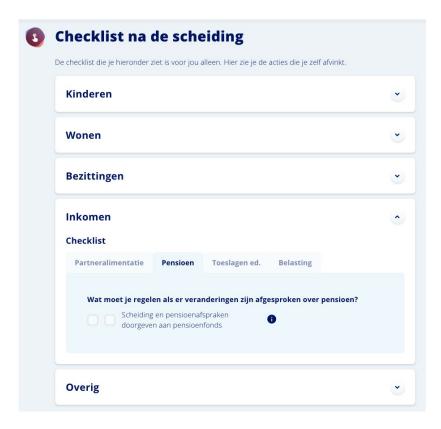
onderdeel van Justice42 B.V.

### **Aftercare**

- Checklist for practicalities after divorce
- Information about possibilities to adjust agreements after divorce (alimony, division of care for children)
- Start new procedure for adjusting agreements

#### **Welkom terug** We helpen ie graag bij het aanpassen van jullie afspraken. Daarvoor geven we je eerst alle informatie die je nodig hebt om een bewuste keuze te maken. Waar kunnen we je mee helpen? Kinderalimentatie Omgangsregeling Partneralimentatie De volgende situatie is van toepassing: Ik wil minder of geen kinderalimentatie betalen Ik kan de kinderalimentatie niet meer betalen Ik ontvang nog geen kinderalimentatie maar wil dat wel We hebben kinderalimentatie afgesproken maar mijn ex betaalt niet, of betaalt te weinig (of niet op afgesproken moment, onregelmatig, etc.) Volgende -

Sluit de intake af



# Thank you

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