

Pricing Policy

If Legal Aid is not granted in court proceedings we can arrange for your representation on a fixed fee basis which will depend on the work involved. Please contact us to discuss our fees and how we may be able to help you.

Our fees will continue to apply even where during the course of your matter the prosecution decide to offer no evidence, discontinue your case or you are acquitted after trial. Where an application is made for your Defence Costs you will be entitled to recover some of your costs. The amount awarded will be limited to legal aid rates which are lower than private client rates. It is unlikely you will recover the full legal representation costs you have paid to us. The Court may order you to pay court and prosecution costs and a surcharge.

Fees

Motoring Offences.

We charge £350-£650 plus vat

Fee includes:

- 2 hours attendance/preparation at a single hearing at the Magistrates' Court:
- Considering evidence
- Taking your instructions
Providing advice on likely sentence
- Discussing the outcome with you

The fee does not include:

- Instruction of any expert witnesses
- Taking statements from any witnesses - Arranging to take any witness statements if necessary (this will have an additional cost of £100 plus VAT - £20 = £120)
- Advice and assistance in relation to a special reasons hearing
- Advice or assistance in relation to any appeal

The key stages of your matter are based on the presumption that you have entered a guilty plea and have a date for your hearing including:

- Ascertaining the charge(s) brought against you
- Consider initial disclosure and any other evidence and provide advice
- Arrange to take any witness statements if necessary (this will have an additional cost of £100 plus VAT)
- Prepare you for your court attendance and the sentence options available to the court
- We cannot provide a timescale of when your hearing will take place as this depends on the court listing for that day
- We will attend court on the date and meet with you before going before the court.

- We will discuss the outcome with you. If advice is required on appeal, this will carry an additional cost

If your case cannot be dealt with at a single hearing, for example, if you plead not guilty, our charges will be based on an hourly rate of £180 plus VAT.

We will always provide you with an estimate of our likely costs and then regularly update you as your case progresses.

There may be extra costs that we will need to pay on your behalf (called disbursements), such as barrister's, medical or other expert's fees. We will obtain a quote first and agree this with you before the cost is incurred. We will expect payment in advance of any costs incurred.

If we cannot deal with your case by way of an agreed fixed fee then we reserve the right to charge you for work done on the following rates:

£180 per hour plus VAT for attendance, preparation and advocacy.

Letters, emails at the rate of £18 each plus VAT.

Travel time £90 per hour plus VAT.

Mileage 45 pence per mile plus VAT.