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Motoring offences

Our Regulatory Team regularly advise and represent individuals at the Magistrates Court in relation to motoring offences. Our fees for cases that are dealt with in a single hearing can vary depending on its complexities.

A straight forward case with a guilty plea can typically range from £1,020 (£850 plus £170 VAT) - £2,040 (£1,700 plus £340 VAT) if dealt with in a court local to one of our offices. For more complex cases or cases with a not guilty plea, we provide a cost based around the complexities of the case. Cases can become complex when the facts are in dispute or if legal argument is necessary.

We ensure that the level of lawyer undertaking the work matches the experience needed and the complexities of the case. The table below shows our hourly rates:

Partner **£354 (£295 plus £59 VAT)**

Paralegal **£168 (£140 plus £28 VAT)**

What is included in our fee?

The above range of fees includes the following key stages for a typical straight forward case.

- An initial meeting to discuss the circumstances surrounding your case.
- Reviewing all evidence and considering if the prosecution has enough evidence to prosecute.
- Providing advice in relation to how you should plead.
- Explaining the court procedure to you so you know what to expect on the day of your hearing, and the sentencing options available to the court.
- We cannot provide a timescale of when your hearing will take place, as this depends on the court listing.
- Attending court and meeting 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 such as instructing counsel (a barrister) who's fee will vary depending on their experience and level of involvement required by them.

What is not included in our fee?

- Instruction of any expert witnesses.
- Taking statements from any witnesses.
- Advice or assistance in relation to any appeal.
- Attending any additional hearings.
- Travel expenses.



Key Stages

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. The key stages include:

- Meeting with your solicitor to provide instructions on what happened.
- We will consider initial disclosure, and any other evidence and provide advice.
- Arranging to take any witness statements if necessary (this will incur an additional cost, which we will be able to advise you of once we have a better understanding of the details and number of statements required).
- We will explain the court procedure to you so you know what to expect on the day of your hearing, and the sentencing options available to the court.
- We will conduct any further preparatory work, obtain further instructions from you if necessary and answer any follow up queries you have.
- We cannot provide a timescale of when your hearing will take place, as this depends on the court listing.
- We will attend court on the day 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.

Disbursements (Expenses)

In order to attend court travel expenses will be charged and travelling by car will be at the HMRC approved rate. Travel costs will range depending on the distance travelled. The requirement of overnight accommodation will depend on the location of a Hearing and costs will vary depending on this.

Timescales

We can't give precise timescales as this will depend on Court listing. However, if you plead guilty then your matter will be dealt with either administratively, and within a matter of weeks, or if you are required to attend Court on the date that appears on your Summons.

If you plead not guilty and your matter is listed for a trial then a realistic timescale would be that your hearing (at which the matter will be concluded) will be listed by the Court within 4 months of you entering your plea. Occasionally, trials don't go ahead when listed if, for instance, Police Officers become unavailable or if the Crown Prosecution Service isn't in a position to proceed. In such circumstances, the Court will then list your hearing for the next available date, which could be a couple of weeks later or several months thereafter.

Who will undertake the work

Work will be undertaken by our Regulatory specialists and their experience can be found [here](#).

Our team of specialist regulatory law solicitors have years of experience. Our Regulatory law partner, Richard Arnot, heads up the team and has been working in this area for more than 30 years.

We have a proven track record in achieving successful outcomes for our clients.

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