

## **Motoring offences (summary offences)**

### **Motoring Offences Fees**

All fees are exclusive of VAT which will be charged at the current prevailing rate of 20% unless specifically stated otherwise.

### **Drink Drive/Excess Alcohol/Under the influence of drugs**

- Drink Drive Guilty Plea single hearing (Exclusive of travel) £500 plus VAT
- Drink Drive Guilty plea dealt with in two hearings £750 plus VAT
- Drink Drive -Not Guilty Plea -trial approx. 5-8 hours at £210-250 per hour plus VAT

### **Speeding Offences**

- Guilty Plea single hearing (Excluding travel) £500 plus VAT
- Guilty plea with an exceptional hardship argument against disqualification or Totting disqualification £650 plus VAT (one hearing)
- Trial (will depend upon the number of witnesses involved and use of expert evidence)
- Approx.4-8 hours at £210-250 per hour plus VAT (Excluding travel and Experts costs)

### **Driving Offences (Magistrates Court) General**

Driving offences such as No Insurance-Driving without Due Care / Dangerous Driving/ Defective Vehicle. (Construction and Use offences) HGV/Licence offences /Fail to stop and fail to report an accident.

- Guilty Plea -Single Hearing (Exclusive of Travel). £500 plus VAT
- Guilty plea with a second hearing or an *Exceptional Hardship/Special Reasons Hearing* starting at £750 plus VAT (depending on length/complexity)
- Trial (Will depending on number of prosecution witnesses and defence witnesses to be interviewed) Approx. 5-10 hours at £210-250 per hour plus VAT (Excluding any expert witness costs if required).

### **Other Unspecified Motoring Offences**

- Giving advice – assisting in completing Single Justice Procedure Notices or NOIP or similar £200 plus VAT
- Giving general advice £210 – 250 plus VAT per hour
- Preparing a letter of mitigation £200 plus VAT

NB:

- Travel to be charged at £100 plus VAT per hour and 45 pence per mile.
- In the case non-fixed fee cases letters and telephone calls are charged at 10% of the hourly rate.

In the case of trials – each will require different levels of preparation and hearing time. After we have assessed your individual case, we will be able to provide a more accurate figure. The estimates quoted above are a generalisation based on our experience.

## **Fixed Fees for Guilty plea matters (One and two hearings)**

**(Assuming a decision has been made that a Guilty Plea is appropriate)**

### **Fixed Fees include: –**

- Meeting with the client either at one of our offices, by telephone or via e-mail (depending on the client's situation and the complexity of the matter).
- Taking Instructions
- Obtaining prosecution evidence
- Where required liaising with the Court and Prosecution
- Advising on the evidence and procedure including Special Reasons and Exceptional Hardship Submissions
- Advising on likely sentence or penalty.
- Attendance and representation at the Magistrates Court (Once or Twice). Advising on any potential appeal that may arise

NB: Should a case become more complicated or protracted after we have been instructed, we have an obligation to let you know of the impact on our fees before undertaking additional work.

### **Fixed Fees Do Not Include: –**

- Instructing Expert Witnesses
- Taking Witness Statements
- Conducting any appeal proceedings arising from the original case.

## **Trials (Not Fixed Fees)- Magistrates Court**

**(Assuming a Not Guilty Plea has been instructed by the client).**

### **Work that is undertaken in the preparation of a trial: –**

- Meeting with our client and take initial instructions.
- Obtain copies of the prosecution evidence
- Reading and considering the prosecution case
- Advising on the strengths and weaknesses of the prosecution case
- Attending the scene of an event if necessary.
- Advising on law and procedure
- Taking further instructions
- Interviewing any potential prosecution witnesses
- Instruct any Expert Witnesses that may be required- (Additional Costs may be charged by the Expert which the client will be liable for).
- Draft and file all documents and legal submissions required to comply with regulations
- Prepare for and represent the client at his/her trial before the Magistrates Court (Including further meetings with the client as required).
- Liaising with the Court and Prosecution as required.
- After the trial discuss the outcome and any potential appeal if appropriate.

Conducting an appeal would be subject to separate fee.

The Solicitors / Caseworkers who undertake this area of work are as follows: –

- [Richard Griffiths](#)
- [Ray Tan](#)
- [William Griffiths](#)
- [Richard Williams](#)
- [Nigel Holt](#)
- [Nicola Attwood](#)
- [Bob Scott](#)
- [Sarah Brown](#)
- [Rebecca Veasey](#)

The crime team are supervised by [Ray Tan](#) as the Head of Department and he is overall supervised by [William Griffiths](#), partner and [Richard Griffiths](#) senior partner.