

## Motoring offences (summary)

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

### Price estimates

The estimates quoted below are a generalisation based on our experience. After we have assessed your individual case, we will be able to provide a more accurate figure.

#### **Drink drive/Excess alcohol/Under the influence of drugs:**

- Drink drive, guilty plea with a single hearing (excluding travel) – fixed fee rate of £500 plus VAT.
- Drink drive, guilty plea with two hearings – fixed fee rate of £750 plus VAT
- Drink drive, not guilty plea, trial approx. 5-8 hours – charged at the hourly rate of the fee-earner (as stated on their page, see below) plus VAT.

#### **Speeding offences:**

- Guilty plea, single hearing (excluding travel) – fixed fee rate of £500 plus VAT.
- Guilty plea, Exceptional Hardship argument against disqualification or Totting disqualification with a single hearing – fixed fee rate of £650 plus VAT
- Trial (excluding travel and experts' costs if required) approx. 4-8 hours – charged at the hourly rate of the fee-earner (as stated on their page, see below) plus VAT.

#### **Driving offences (Magistrates Court) General:**

Driving offences such as no insurance – driving without due care/dangerous driving/defective vehicle as well as Construction and Use offences such as HGV/Licence offences/fail to stop and fail to report an accident.

- Guilty plea with a single hearing (excluding travel) – fixed fee rate of £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 (excluding travel and expert costs if required) approx. 5-10 hours – charged at the hourly rate of the fee-earner (as stated on their page, see below) plus VAT.

#### **Other unspecified motoring offences:**

- Giving advice – assisting in completing Single Justice Procedure Notices or NOIP or similar – fixed fee rate of £200 plus VAT.
- Giving general advice charged at the hourly rate of the fee-earner (as stated on their page, see below) plus VAT.
- Preparing a letter of mitigation – fixed fee rate of £200 plus VAT.

Please note that in the case non-fixed fee cases, letters and telephone calls are charged at 10% of the fee earners hourly rate (as stated on their page, see below).

Please also note that each trial will require different levels of preparation and hearing time depending upon multiple factors such as the number of witnesses and the use of expert evidence.

### 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 these key stages:

- 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

Please note that 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.

Services not included in the above stages for fixed fees:

- 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 undertaken in the preparation of a trial and key stages of a matter:

- 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

Services not included in the above stages for trial preparation:

- Conducting an appeal would be subject to separate fee.

**Potential additional costs**

These could include:

- Interpreters' fees at £25 per hour plus VAT.
- Translation of documents at £25 per hour plus VAT.
- Travel costs to be charged at £100 per hour plus VAT and £0.45 pence per mile or second-class public transport plus VAT.
- If the need to stay overnight arises, then hotel accommodation may be chargeable (amounts subject to VAT), but we would try and avoid there where possible.

### [How long will this take?](#)

In circumstances where a case is dealt with at a single hearing, the whole case is usually completed within two months from receipt of notice of prosecution. In circumstances where a case is dealt with within two hearings, the whole case is usually completed within four months from receipt of notice of prosecution. In circumstances where a case goes to trial, the whole case is usually completed within six months from the receipt of notice of prosecution.

However, each case widely varies, so these timescales may not apply in your circumstances. We cannot provide a precise timescale of how long each key stage will take or when hearings will take place, as this depends on many factors such as the complexity of the matter and court listings.

We should be able to give you a more accurate idea of timescale when we have more details about your case.

### [Our team](#)

The fee-earners who work in this department are:

- [Richard Griffiths](#) (Senior Partner / Solicitor with Higher Rights)
- [Ray Tan](#) (Head of Department / Duty Solicitor)
- [William Griffiths](#) (Salaried Partner / Duty Solicitor)
- [Richard Williams](#) (Duty Solicitor with Higher Rights)
- [Nigel Holt](#) (Senior Paralegal)
- [Nicola Attwood](#) (Duty Solicitor with Higher Rights)
- [Bob Scott](#) (Duty Solicitor with Higher Rights)
- [Rebecca Veasey](#) (Duty Solicitor)

Please click on the fee earner to find out more about their level of experience and click here to see their [hourly rates](#).

The crime team are supervised by Ray Tan as the Head of Department, and he is overall supervised by William Griffiths (Salaried Partner) and Richard Griffiths (Senior Partner).