

In accordance with the Solicitors' Regulatory Transparency Rules we set out the below information regarding costs to assist you before engaging and purchasing legal services. Whilst we are competitively priced, be careful when considering who to instruct and make like-for-like comparisons. We are an exclusively private practice and offer a high level of engagement and expertise.

We are required to provide costs information for advice and representation for a summary only road traffic offence with a single hearing in the Magistrates Court. We have also provided further information regarding police station advice and exceptional hardship hearings.

A summary only offence is an offence which can only be dealt with at a Magistrates Court.

The most common examples of road traffic summary offences are:

- Speeding
- Careless Driving
- Failing to provide a specimen for analysis
- Failing to stop after an accident
- Driving a vehicle whilst over the prescribed limit for alcohol

Fee Earner Level A – Partners, Senior Solicitors, CILEx Advocates and Barristers and other equivalent fee earners with at least 7 years of relevant experience £300 per hour

We can offer a fixed fee of £1,750 plus VAT if you have been charged or summonsed for one of the summary offences above and for a single hearing. We can agree a fixed fee for a trial once we understand and appreciate the individual case, the issues and whether expert evidence will be required.

Included in this fixed fee:

1. Consider the initial disclosure of the prosecution case (IDPC)
2. A Zoom call (or similar) or face-to-face if appropriate to advise on the IDPC and take instructions.
3. Advise on plea and sentence (if appropriate).
4. Attend the first hearing and represent.

Expert evidence is not included in this fixed fee and would have to be funded by the client.

You will also be liable to meet the cost of travel disbursements reasonably incurred by the person by the lawyer representing you on the day. These usually incur VAT and wouldn't normally exceed £50.

### **Costs of counsel**

We often instruct counsel to represent you, either because you choose or we are unable to personally cover your hearing. If so, we will agree counsel's fees with you and such fee is determined by their experience and expertise. Typically, this can range from £1000 - £4000 and again, counsel can be instructed on a fixed fee.

## **Police station attendance**

We offer a fixed fee for police station attendance from £1200 plus VAT.

Included in this fixed fee:

1. Obtain pre-interview disclosure
2. Engage with police "pre-charge engagement" prior to interview (up to 1 hour)
3. Attend, advise and represent you at the police station

## **Exceptional hardship**

If you accumulate 12 penalty points or more, the court will look to disqualify a person from driving for 6 months or more *unless* you can show that exceptional hardship would be caused.

These hearing are time intensive and often you will be called to give evidence at the exceptional hardship hearing. We can usually offer a fixed fee when we know a little more about the case and can appreciate the level of work involved.

Typically the fees for such a hearing can be between £2000 and £4000.

If you require further information on costs and your case please contact us.