

Cost Information

This guide is in accordance with the Solicitors Regulation Authority's transparency requirements, which come into force from 6th December 2018. It is to be used as a guide only. Every individual case is different and will be assessed following an initial appointment. It is possible, in certain circumstances for costs to vary from the below at the firm's discretion. Please contact the Office on every occasion to discuss costs where an accurate quote can be given once all information is provided.

We will ensure that we fully explain:

- How we calculate our fees
- The likely costs involved
- Any additional costs incurred
- Any costs that may be awarded to you (from other parties).

Depending on your issue we may offer funding options (although, for the avoidance of doubt, this firm does not offer Legal Aid). We will inform you at the outset if any funding options apply to you.

We also have discretion to vary the fees below, depending on the case but we will always communicate this with you.

Property and Conveyancing Approximate Fees

It is difficult to provide an exact quote at the outset of an instruction without seeing any paperwork, title Deeds etc. For this reason, the firm quotes a range of what the fee is likely to be, to assist you in budgeting for the transaction, giving you a worst and best case scenario.

Residential

Sale/Purchase

<u>Transaction £</u>	<u>Our fee range</u>
£0 - £125,000	= £550-£750
£125,001 - £250,000	= £650-£850
£250,001 - £350,000	=£750-£950
£350,001 +	=£850-£1200

+ VAT (20%) and Disbursements

Generally speaking, conveyancing and the exchange of contracts should take between 10-15 weeks. However, the length of time can vary and will depend on a number of factors.

Mortgage only (no purchase)

£350-£450

+ VAT (20%) and Disbursements

The likely disbursements include:

Searches – approx. £250 (payable to a third party)

Land Registry Priority Search (£3 plus Vat per title)

Bankruptcy Search (£2 per name)

Land Registry fee (Calculated based on the price paid)

Generally speaking, a mortgage transaction can take between 3-6 weeks. However, the length of time can vary and will depend on a number of factors.

First Registration

£400

+ VAT (20%) and Disbursements

The likely disbursements include:

Land Registry Priority Search (£3 plus Vat per title)

Bankruptcy Search (£2 per name)

Land Registry fee (Calculated based on the price paid)

Generally speaking, an application for first registration will be submitted to the Land Registry within 1-2 months but the Land Registry are working at a backlog and they may take in excess of 12 months to register the property.

Commercial

Transaction £
£0 - £125,000

Our fee range
= £650-£850

£125,001 - £250,000

= £750-£950

£250,001 - £350,000

=£850-£1050

£350,001 +

=£950-£1300

+ VAT (20%) and Disbursements

Generally speaking, conveyancing and the exchange of contracts should take between 10-15 weeks. However, the length of time can vary and will depend on a number of factors.

Mortgage only (no purchase)

£450-£550

+ VAT (20%) and Disbursements

The likely disbursements include:

Searches – approx. £250 (payable to a third party)

Land Registry Priority Search (£3 plus Vat per title)

Bankruptcy Search (£2 per name)

Land Registry fee (Calculated based on the price paid)

Generally speaking, a mortgage transaction can take between 3-6 weeks. However, the length of time can vary and will depend on a number of factors.

Likely disbursements for both Residential and Commercial Sales are as follows:

Land Registry Office copy entries (£3 plus Vat per title)

Our Bank Transfer fee when sending moneys electronically on your behalf.

Likely disbursements for both Residential and Commercial Purchases are as follows:

Searches

Land Transaction Tax/ Stamp Duty

Land Registry Registration Fee

Land Registry searches

Our Bank Transfer fee when sending moneys electronically on your behalf.

Wills & Probate Approximate Fees

Wills

Single Will £150 & VAT (20%)

Mirror Wills £250 & VAT (20%)

Home visits incur an extra charge depending on location. Please contact the Office for a more accurate quote.

We endeavour to provide you with a draft will within 1-2 weeks of instruction and have you sign your will and close the file within 1-2 months of instruction.

Probate

Our usual fees for doing the probate work are usually 2.5% of the gross estate (plus VAT). In addition, disbursements are payable to third parties (to include court fees etc).

In certain circumstances, we can offer a reduced package (from £500 plus VAT and disbursements)

and please telephone the Office to arrange a free initial appointment where costs can be discussed once the size of the estate is known.

Typical disbursements include:

The Probate Application fee (set by and payable to the Probate Registry)
Bankruptcy Searches (£2 plus VAT per name)

The service we provide includes

- Ascertaining the estate's assets and liabilities,
- Calculating any Inheritance Tax due,
- Completing the various and very often complex HM Revenue & Customs documentation,
- Making application to the Probate Registrar (a division of the High Court) for a Grant or Letters of Administration,
- Collecting in all the assets and paying out the liabilities,
- Distributing the estate in accordance with the Will or as set out by Law

On average, estates are dealt with within 6-12 months. Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes 16-18 weeks (this is a timescale set by the Probate Registry). Collecting assets then follows, which can take between 8-10 weeks. Once this has been done, we can distribute the assets, which normally takes 2-4 weeks.

It is important to note that if there is a property to be sold this will increase the average timescale for conclusion of the estate.

Powers of Attorney/Court of Protection Approximate Fees

Single person LPA (either Finances/ Health) £300

Single person LPA (both Finances/Health) £400

Couple LPA (either Finances/ Health) £550

Couple LPA (both Finances/Health) £750

+ VAT (20%) and disbursements

The Office of The Public Guardian charge fees (which vary from time to time) to register the Lasting Powers of Attorney.

We endeavour to draft the paperwork within 1-2 weeks of instruction. The documents will be sent to the Office of the Public Guardian within 1 week of signature and then they will be registered with the Office of the Public Guardian. They can take in excess of 12 weeks to register the paperwork.

Family and Child Law Approximate Fees

We can assist you with the following areas of Family law:

- Divorce & Separation
- Financial Issues
- Disputes relating to children
- Civil Partnership dissolution
- Domestic abuse & injunctions
- Cohabitation Agreements
- Pre-nuptial Agreements

Work is charged based on our hourly rates. This is the traditional fee structure which means that a fee earner will assess your case and provide a fully flexible option on an hour by hour basis. You will be given information about the likely overall cost of your matter and you will be updated as to these costs.

The current hourly rates are set out below. We will add the current VAT to these at the rate that applies when the work is done. This is currently 20%.

	£
Director	200
Solicitors	180
Trainee Solicitor	100

Disbursements may be payable, depending on the nature of your case. Examples of these are:

Mediation Costs

Court Fees

Expert Fees

At the outset of every case, we will endeavour to provide you with an approximate timescale for the case e.g.

Divorce – A typical transaction would be a minimum of 30 weeks.

Financial Remedy- A typical transaction would be 6-12 months

Child arrangements – A typical transaction would be 6-12 months

Drafting documents – we aim to provide you with a draft document within 2-4 weeks of instruction.

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Litigation/ Disputes Approximate Fees

The services we provide cover a broad spectrum of disputes, including:-

- building disputes
- boundary and right of way disputes
- disputed Wills
- debt recovery
- consumer disputes

Often, we limit our fees to £250 plus VAT to carry out investigative work for you before we advise you on the prospects of success. Thereafter, we will charge our hourly rates. This is the traditional fee structure which means that a fee earner will assess your case and provide a fully flexible option on an hour by hour basis. You will be given information about the likely overall cost of your matter and you will be updated as to these costs.

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	£
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Solicitors	180
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Disbursements may be payable, depending on the nature of your case. Examples of these are:

Mediation Costs
Court Fees
Expert Fees
Barrister's costs.

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Other services Approximate Fees

Employment

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Solicitors	180
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We can assist with:

Settlement Agreements
Reviewing Employment Contracts

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Commercial & Business Law

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The current hourly rates are set out below. We will add the current VAT to these at the rate that applies when the work is done. This is currently 20%.

	£
Director	200
Solicitors	180
Trainee Solicitor	100

We can assist with:

Partnership Disputes
Drafting Partnership Agreements/ Deeds of Retirement

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flightpath within 2-4 weeks of instruction. Any Deeds that we draft will be provided to you within 2-4 weeks of the information being received.

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