

Crime Legal Fees and Costs

We believe it is essential that you understand exactly what you are paying for from the outset. We are transparent about our pricing to ensure there are no surprises.

Below are our fees for private clients. Please note that all prices are quoted exclusive of VAT (where applicable) and do not include any additional expenses, such as third-party costs, mileage, parking and other disbursements.

Motoring Offence Fees

We are required to publish pricing details for certain motoring offences, including summary-only offences. These cases are dealt with in the Magistrates' Court and do not proceed to the Crown Court.

In many cases, we can offer a fixed fee for our services. However, not every case is straightforward. If a matter is complex or if the evidence is likely to change, a fixed fee may not be appropriate.

For cases suitable for a fixed-fee arrangement, the fees are outlined below.

Guilty pleas - First appearance and sentencing:

London and the surrounding areas	£750 for your first hearing.
Driving offence – Guilty pleas	£350 for each additional hearing
Fees do not include instructing experts	

Outside London	£360 for your first hearing.
Driving offence – Guilty pleas	£250 for each additional hearing, usually a single additional hearing after the trial hearing if the court adjourns for sentencing.
Fees do not include instructing experts	

Not guilty pleas - First appearance and listing case for trial:

London and the surrounding areas	£1,750
Driving offence – Not guilty pleas	This fee covers your first appearance and any subsequent trial hearing.
Fees do not include instructing experts	£500
This fee does not include the cost of lodging or conducting an appeal.	If the trial hearing lasts more than a day, this is the cost per hearing on each additional day.

Outside London	£900
Driving offence – Not guilty pleas Fees do not include instructing experts	£250 for each additional hearing, usually a single additional hearing after the trial hearing if the court adjourns for sentencing.

Special Reasons Applications and Exceptional Hardship Argument

London and the surrounding areas	£1,250
Fees do not include instructing experts	£350 for each additional hearing

Outside London	£500
Fees do not include instructing experts	£250 for each additional hearing, usually a single additional hearing after the trial hearing if the court adjourns for sentencing.

Hourly rates

Solicitor's hourly rate	£230
Trainee Solicitor, Paralegal and Accredited Representatives	£175

** Plus counsels or higher rights advocates' fees*

Some cases require more detailed attention and additional preparation. In these instances, we may charge on an hourly basis instead of a fixed fee.

More complex motoring matters typically take about 10 to 15 hours of work, especially when court representation is necessary. Our hourly rate is for summary-only motoring offences.

Our services may include:

- Taking detailed instructions and preparing witness statements
- Reviewing the evidence against you
- Advising you on your plea and the likely outcome

- Assessing whether there are grounds to argue exceptional hardship or special reasons
- Representing you at one court hearing

We will always discuss costs with you in advance so that you clearly understand what is involved and what to expect.