

MOTORING OFFENCES

Who will be dealing with the matter?

All work will be carried out at your instructions by a qualified Solicitor.

How we charge

Legal aid may be available for matters of this kind depending on the seriousness and complexity of the case and your financial circumstances. The costs information in this section therefore only applies in cases where legal aid is not available.

Fees

This will be based on our hourly rate and the fee earner dealing with the matter. Our hourly rates range from £140 plus VAT to £220 plus VAT.

Below, we have set out a guide of our typical costs:-

- **Drink/driving offence** (guilty plea) - £450 - £650 plus VAT.
- **Other summary motoring offences** (guilty plea) - £300 - £600 plus VAT.
- **“Exceptional hardship” argument** - £450 - £650 plus VAT.
- **Submission of written plea in mitigation** - £150 - £250 plus VAT.
- **Magistrates’ Court trial** (not guilty plea) - £800 - £2,000 plus VAT.

Disbursements - *These are payments that are payable to third parties and the likely disbursements are as follows:-*

- **Expert’s fees or Barrister’s fees** :This will vary from case to case and we will obtain an estimate of these fees for your approval before instructing a Barrister or an expert.

How long will my case take?

This will depend upon whether you plead guilty or not guilty and the availability of time at the Court.

KEY STAGES OF A MOTORING OFFENCES CASE

1. Meeting with you to take instructions and give general advice.
2. Considering initial disclosure and any other evidence.
3. Arranging to take any witness statements, if necessary (this may have an additional cost and you will be notified of an estimate of those costs).
4. Explaining the Court procedure and advising you of the sentencing options that will be available to the Court. Preparing for the Court hearing.
5. Attending the Court with you on the day, meeting you before hand for a short discussion.
6. Discussing the outcome with you and if advice is required on a possible appeal, there will be an additional charge.