Motoring Fees and Services

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Our Service

- Take initial instructions and advise you in respect of court procedure, costs and the typical timescale depending on the matter
- Obtain the prosecution papers, review these together with your instructions and advise you on the merits including Defence, Plea and/or any Applications to be made to prevent disqualification, endorsement or reduced penalty where appropriate
- If additional evidence is required to support we will advise you of this
- Prepare correspondence to the prosecution
- Prepare for the hearing including taking witness evidence, obtaining reports etc
- Attend court and represent you

We want to ensure a good standard of legal work. Each file belongs to one of the solicitors at our office. We will try not to change the person dealing with your case, but if we have to do so, we shall tell you of any change and the reason why as soon possible.

Our Fees And Who Pays

Our fees for representation are your responsibility. If we are successful in obtaining an acquittal then we will make an application to the court for your costs to be paid from the Central Fund. This will mean that we will submit our costs schedule to the National Taxation Team for their assessment. Any shortfall will be payable by you.

We will inform you of the costs incurred on a six monthly (biannual) basis, however, details can be provided at any stage at your request. You have the right, at any stage, to ask us to limit our costs to a certain figure and we may send you an account for expenses that we incur on your behalf as they fall due, including any expert fees i.e. disbursements.

Our fees are devised on the amount of work that we do on your case and are not fixed.

Our charging rates are as listed below:

Preparation and Attendance £200.00 per hour

Letters out and Telephone Calls in/out £20.00 each

Advocacy £200.00 per hour

Travel and Waiting £150.00 per hour

Mileage £.60 per mile

The above is **exclusive of VAT** currently at 20%.

Our typical range of costs on Motoring matters are from £400 to £800 plus VAT plus disbursements if any.

Disbursements

Disbursements are the costs payable to a third party, such as an expert. Occasionally we may seek to instruct an expert report or if the matter is being dealt with at Crown Court then the barristers fees. Any disbursements incurred in respect of this will be in addition to our fees.

Timescales

His Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service aim to deal with all matters promptly and have various guidelines in terms of timescales dependent on the matter type. Typical timescales for concluding motoring cases is three to four months from commencement of summons/requisition.

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