

Criminal Law Fees and Services

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Our Service – What we do for you

We are committed to providing clients with sound advice tailor-made for you and in your best interests depending on the facts of your case. Our criminal law team recognise the anxiety and distress criminal proceedings can cause and as such you will be dealing with a solicitor who is approachable and easily contactable, with a vast amount of experience in criminal matters.

- Take initial instructions, to advise in respect of court procedure, costs and typical timescale contingent on the matter
- Obtain prosecution papers and review these in conjunction with your instructions
- Advise you on the merits of your case including Defence, Plea and/or any Applications to be made to prevent disqualification or endorsement
- If additional evidence is required we will advise you on this
- Preparing correspondence to the prosecution
- Preparing for the hearing including taking witness evidence, obtaining reports etc
- Attending court and representing you

What Are 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 Crime 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.

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