

Motoring Offences

We offer competitive and affordable prices depending on the complexity of the matter and to suit the circumstances of our clients. We offer both hourly rate and fixed fee arrangements.

Fixed-fees

While other firms mostly charge hourly rates, in most circumstances we are able offer our clients fixed-fee arrangements, which our clients often prefer as they are more cost effective for them than paying us on hourly basis.

- **Initial Advice** **£250 plus VAT**

includes going through your case papers and advice in person or remotely on possible defences and likely sentence if pleading guilty or on conviction.

- **Written guilty plea** **£500 plus VAT**

This fixed fee includes liaising with the Court and making written representations and submissions to the Court to obtain the most lenient sentence possible for you.

- **Court Appearance-Guilty plea** **£750 plus VAT**

This fixed fee is based on one final hearing and involves us attending court with you and representing you at court to make oral representations.

- **Court Appearance
(exceptional hardship cases)** **£1,500 plus VAT**

This fixed fee deals with cases where we are able to make representations to the court that you are not disqualified from driving based on real exceptional hardship circumstances that you might have such as disability, loss of employment, loss of home or inability to care for someone.

- **Court Appearance: Complex cases** **£2500 to £4000 plus VAT and
Expert Reports costs (if required)**

This fixed fee deals with cases such as care driving, mobile phone use whilst driving, driving whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs or dangerous driving.

Hourly rates

Where it is not possible to offer fixed legal fees, or you chose to pay on hourly rather than a fixed fee

Our criminal team's hourly rates are:

Solicitor with over 8 years' experience: Solicitor	£422 plus VAT
with over 4 years' experience:	£327 plusVAT
Other solicitors:	£276 plusVAT
Trainee Solicitors/Paralegals/other fee earners:	£157 plus VAT

Other Matters to Note

Disbursements (costs to third parties) and Travel costs not included in legal fees

Our legal fees do not include travel or other disbursements such expert reports.

Short notice instructions

Legal fees might be higher if we are appointed at short notice, having only few days to prepare your case before the Court Hearing. this is to reflect the fact that your case will be treated as a priority case in order for it to be ready for the Court Hearing. If you have received a Court Summons for a motoring offence, and require legal representation at Court, you should contact us as soon as possible, so you don't pay a higher agreed fixed fee.

Recovering your legal fees

if you are found '*Not Guilty*' after trial or the Prosecution decide to discontinue the case against you, you may be entitled to recover a proportion of your legal fees from Court Central Funds if the Court grants a Defence Costs Order.

Thus, defending your case may not cost as much as you initially anticipated.