

SRA Transparency Rules Cost & Service

Motoring offences Cost & Service: Fixed fee

Our crime department is headed up by Kate Nield, Partner and assisted by a team of professional criminal solicitors and legal clerks, Faye Darlison Associate Solicitor, Sukhdev Bisla Associate Solicitor, Steve Morris Solicitor, Helen Morris Solicitor, Khajal Topiwala Solicitor, Lara Hockney Trainee Solicitor and Legal Clerks, Donna Plumb, Shireen Draper and Gaynor Cooper. (<https://www.dodds-solicitors.co.uk/about-us/meet-the-team/>)

We have over 30 years of experience covering all aspects of Criminal Law, and our defence solicitors are all qualified members of the duty solicitor schemes regulated by the Legal Aid Agency (LAA). They provide private or legal aid services based upon your individual circumstances.

Please note that the below are estimates and are subject to how complicated the case is and any specific requirements.

VAT is charged at the rate of 20%.

- **Guilty Plea and sentence on the same day** – £600 plus VAT £120 Total £720
- **Guilty Plea and adjournment (e.g. 2 hearings)** – £800 plus VAT £160 Total £960
- **Any additional adjournment** – £200 plus VAT £40 Total £240
- **Exceptional Hardship/Special Reasons Arguments (road traffic)** – £1000 plus VAT £200 Total £1200
- **Trials** – dealt with on a case by case basis depending on length of trial, number of witnesses etc. Starting fee £2,000 Plus VAT £400 Total £2,400. This includes the fee for the initial plea hearing.
- **Crown Court fees** – Please speak to Fee Earner who will obtain a quotation from counsel and provide an estimate of costs.

For the Magistrates' Court part of the work:

1. **Guilty Plea and Committal for Sentence** - £150 Plus VAT £30 Total £180
2. **Not Guilty Plea and Committal for Trial** – £100 Plus VAT £20 Total £120

Disbursements such as, but not limited to expert's reports, medical fees, Counsel's fees and travel costs— both mileage and parking fees, or train fares - are not covered under these fixed fees. These expenses will by their very nature be variable in price, but we will not incur any additional costs without your express agreement. Please speak to the Fee Earner who will be able to give you an estimate of the fees.

In addition any appeal following on from such a hearing would incur additional costs.

There is normally an initial hearing, which is normally in your absence, when a hearing is fixed to sentence or deal with any legal arguments. A pure sentencing hearing is normally fixed within a month. Legal arguments and trials are normally fixed within a couple of months of the initial hearing. If a case is committed to the Crown Court then this is within 4 weeks of the first court hearing. Trials in the Crown Court are taking considerably longer.

During the Covid pandemic all timescales are being extended. Many road traffic matters are not being prioritised and so they may take longer to be heard. Please speak to the Fee Earner at the time who will be able to give you a better idea of the typical timescale at the time.