

## **Legal Costs**

We charge a fixed fee of £450 plus vat of £90, total of £540, for dealing with a guilty plea to a summary only motoring offence under Part I of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and s89 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (e.g. a Drink driving offence)

This fee includes:

- 2 hours attendance/preparation
- Considering evidence
- Taking your instructions
- Providing advice on likely sentence
- Attendance and representation at a single hearing at the Magistrates Court

The fee does not include:

- Instruction to any expert witnesses
- Taking statements from any witnesses
- Advice and assistance in relation to a special reasons hearing or an exceptional hardship argument
- Advice or assistance in relation to any appeal

## **Key Stages**

The key stages of your matter are based on the presumption that you have entered a guilty plea and have a date set for your hearing. The key stages are likely to be as follows:

- Meeting with the solicitor to provide instructions on what happened
- We will consider initial disclosure, and any other evidence and provide advice
- Arranging to take any witness statements if necessary - this will have an additional cost of £100 plus vat, total £120
- We will explain the court procedure to you so you know what to expect on the day of your hearing, and the sentencing options available to the court.
- We will conduct any further preparatory work, obtain further instructions from you if necessary and answer any follow up queries you have.
- We cannot provide a timescale of when your hearing will take place, as this depends on the court listing for that day.
- We will attend court on the day and meet with you before going before the court. We anticipate being at court for half a day.
- We will discuss the outcome with you. If advice is required on appeal, this will carry an additional cost.

### **Staff members in this field**

- Michael Strain      Partner
- Carys Parry        Partner
- Rhys Tudur         Assistant Solicitor
- Elan Parry          Assistant Solicitor
- Sian Hicks          Paralegal

We will confirm the identity of the individuals who will carry out the work in your client care letter

There are normally no disbursements incurred in motoring matters

However, if experts are required we will quote their fee and advise you of the liability before their instruction