

Transparency in price and service

Information on pricing for summary only – road traffic offences based on a guilty plea

Jonathan Moss' charging rate is £399 per hour plus VAT. Olivia Duncan's charging rate is £263 per hour plus VAT.

VAT (at 20%) is always charged in addition to our fees and disbursements (where applicable).

Our fees are reviewed annually on 1 April.

Every case is very different, and the information provided is based on an "average" case. The information also assumes a guilty plea at the first hearing where the matter is concluded.

For an average case, the work required to reach the end of the first hearing in the Magistrates Court would be approximately six hours (£1,578 - £2,394 plus VAT). The range however would be four to eight hours work (£1,052 - £3,192 plus VAT) and this is based on the Magistrates Court being in relatively close proximity to our offices in Gerrards Cross.

The work required to reach the end of the initial hearing will include:

- Obtaining the prosecution evidence from the Crown Prosecution Service via secure email;
 - Considering that evidence;
 - Providing advice in relation to the evidence, appropriate plea and likely sentence;
- Advising where appropriate on any exceptional hardship argument, special reasons and defences that may be available;
- Representation at a single hearing

The work would not include:

- Instruction of any expert witness;
- Taking statements from any witnesses;
- Advice and assistance in relation to a special reasons hearing itself;
- Advice or assistance in relation to any appeal;

The information provided is on the presumption that you have entered a guilty plea and have a date for your hearing. The final amount of time in order to reach the end of the initial hearing in the Magistrates Court will also be impacted on the efficiency of the Crown Prosecution Service, the listing pattern of the Court, waiting time at Court as these are all factors outside our control.

We would of course attend Court on your initial hearing date and meet with you at Court itself, having advised you in the office on an earlier occasion, where appropriate. At the end of the initial hearing we will discuss the outcome with you. If advice is required on appeal, this will carry an additional cost.

In addition, should your case not conclude at the first hearing for any other reasons i.e. case adjourned for pre-sentence reports or adjourned for another hearing in relation to the same matter. We will at that point provide you with a further costs estimate in relation to the work that will be required to conclude your case.