

**MAGISTRATES COURT**  
**AND**  
**MOTORING OFFENCES**

Magistrates Court Work

We undertake all work in the Magistrates Court on an hourly rate basis. The work will be carried out by a Partner Michael Braham with over 40 years experience in the Magistrates Court. His charge is £250.00 per hour plus VAT @ 20%. Preparation work may will be carried out by a Senior Executive (working under supervision of the Partner). She has 30 years experience of Magistrates Court work. Her charge is £240.00 per hour plus VAT @ 20%. Letters and emails out will be charged at £25.00, communications in at £10.00 and telephone calls at £20.00.

The time spent on the work, in the event of a guilty plea in the Magistrates Court is likely to be between 4-6 hours work including considering evidence, providing advice in relation to plea and likely sentence and representation, advice on the options available to the court in relation to sentencing and whether representation will be dealt with within a single Hearing.

The average timescale for dealing with a guilty plea is between 2 and 4 months but will be longer if a Trial has to be listed. We will provide you with an estimate of the timescale in that event.

The fee does not include instruction of any expert witness whose fee may include VAT @ 20%, taking statements from any witnesses and advice or assistance in relation to an appeal.

The total cost of a guilty plea is likely to be between £1,200 and £2,000 plus VAT @ 20%. In the event that the matter is dealt with at a single Hearing the cost of travel is 45p per mile or the rail fare if relevant (without VAT).

Motoring Offences

As in the case of advice and the representation in the Magistrates Court the work will be carried out by a Partner Michael Braham with over 40 years experience in the Magistrates Court. His charge is £230.00 per hour plus VAT @ 20%. Preparation work may be carried out by a Senior Executive (working under supervision of the Partner). She has 30 years experience of Magistrates work. Her charge is £240.00 per hour plus VAT @ 20%. In relation to summary motoring offences only under Part 1 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Section 89

of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 the price will include considering evidence, providing advice in relation to plea and likely sentence and representation. Where we cannot anticipate the likely sentence, advice on the options available to the Court in relation to sentencing.

The average timescale for dealing with a guilty plea is between 2 and 4 months.

If a not guilty plea is entered we will provide you with an estimate of the likely cost of Trial.

The total cost of a guilty plea is likely to be between £1,200 and £2,000 plus VAT @ 20%. In the event that the matter is dealt with at a single Hearing the cost of travel is 45p per mile or the rail fare (without VAT) if relevant.

Where appropriate advice on whether an exceptional hardship or special reasons argument should be made.

In the case of putting forward an exceptional hardship argument where our client is liable for disqualification under the totting up provisions we will charge a fixed fee of £1,500 plus VAT @ 20% and travelling costs to and from court at 45p per mile or rail fare (without VAT). The fee includes 2 hours attendance for 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 of any expert witness (whose fee may include VAT @ 20%), taking statements from any witnesses and advice or assistance in relation to an appeal.

The key stages of your matter are based on a presumption that you have entered a guilty plea and a date for your Hearing.

## **STAGES**

Meet with your Solicitor to Provide Instructions on What Happened

We will consider an initial disclosure and any other evidence and provide advice.

We will explain the Court procedure to you so that 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 for when your Hearing will take place as this depends on the Court listing on that day.

We will attend Court on the day and will meet with you before going to Court.

We anticipate being at Court for up to half a day.

We will discuss the outcome with you. If advice is required for an Appeal this will be carry an additional cost.

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