

Pricing: Road Traffic offences



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If you have been charged with a motoring offence, such as speeding, driving without due care and attention or driving whilst under the influence, you will require professional legal advice to help limit any possible consequences.

Your driving licence is precious and losing it could have a huge impact on your livelihood and those that depend on you. She can provide advice and assistance at what is likely to be a stressful time for you and guide you through the legal process.

The team:

Kate Smith is a Senior Consultant Solicitor who has been qualified for 25 plus years, specialising in Road Traffic Defence and general Magistrates Court Litigation.

Kate's work is overseen by the Managing Director, Andrew Arnold.

Timescales

Regrettably, it is almost impossible to provide accurate timescales for how long your matter will take to go to court. The court system is extremely busy and cases can be adjourned off for a multitude of reasons, sometimes even after parties have attended court.

Having said this, we will ensure that your matter is dealt with as swiftly as possible in accordance with your instructions and we will provide you with the best possible indication of timescales at every given stage of your matter.

What is covered

- Taking instructions
- Considering evidence provided by client and CPS
- Providing advice on any pleas and likely sentences for the offence accused of
- Providing advice on options available to the court in the event of a guilty plea or conviction.
- Providing advice on any exceptional circumstances that may be applicable to your case (special reasons arguments)
- Representation at a single hearing at court (maximum one day hearing - additional days are charged at the fee earner's hourly rate)

What is not covered

There are many factors that could typically increase the costs of your case. Where there is likely to be additional costs, we will ensure that you are informed of these at the earliest opportunity and provide a clear estimate on a case by case (or item by item) basis.

Example of items that are not covered under fixed fees are as follows:

- Instructing (or attending meetings with) any expert witnesses
- Meetings with / taking instructions from any witnesses
- Drafting of witness statements (other than your own)
- Providing extended advice and assistance on special reasons arguments (other than an initial overview)
- attendances at special reasons or exceptional hardship hearings
- Providing advice or assistance on appeals
- Traveling to/from court; and
- Obtaining advice from or instructing barristers.

Key Milestones

It is extremely important that all clients and potential clients understand the process they are about to embark on. While these may vary according to the situation, the key milestones in any given case are as follows:

- Meeting with your solicitor and providing your version of events and instructions on how you wish to deal with the matter (and receive initial advice from your solicitors regarding the same)
- Disclosure: You and your solicitor will be given an opportunity to consider the initial disclosure provided by the CPS and you can provide your thoughts and instructions on the same (and receive advice from your solicitor)
- Discussion with and taking of witness statements (for an additional fee)
- Discussion with your solicitor regarding the court process and what to expect at any given stage (including at the hearing itself)
- Discussion of prospects of success and potential sentencing options available to the court following a guilty plea or conviction following trial.
- undertaking the preparatory work agreed upon following the above discussions.
- Attendance at court inc pre/post court discussions and advice on next steps (this does not include any work or advice on any grounds of appeal).

Costs

All costs are subject to VAT at 20%

Below are a number of examples of work that may occur and their associated Costs. Please note that the prices indicated may vary between the ranges provided.

Each price range is subject to an initial assessment of the complexity of the matter

Any work required outside the agreed fixed fee will be subject to the hourly rate of the solicitor dealing with your matter.

Kate Smith's hourly rate, for any work undertaken outside of any agreed fees is £250 per hour plus VAT.

Example One:

Initial Advice only at a one-off meeting.

- £200 plus VAT

Example Two:

Guilty plea at a Magistrates Court

To include: an attendance with client to obtain instructions, considering evidence and attendance at a single magistrates court hearing (no additional work provided on experts or witnesses)

- between £500 and £3,500 plus VAT

Example Three:

Not Guilty Plea at a Magistrates Court

To include: an attendance with client to obtain instructions, considering evidence and attendance at a single magistrates court hearing (no additional work provided on experts or witnesses)

- between £1,500 to £10,000 plus VAT

- work undertake following the Not Guilty plea to be charged at the fee earners hourly rate.