

MOTORING OFFENCES – PRIVATE FEE COSTS

The fee includes:

- 2 Hours attendance or preparation
- Considering evidence
- Taking your instructions
- Providing advice on likely sentence
- Where stated in the table below attendance and representation at a single hearing at the Magistrates Court.

The fee does not include:

- Instruction of any expert witness
- Taking statements from any witnesses
- Advice or assistance in relation to any appeal

Type of matter	Fixed Fee	Fixed Fee (inc. VAT@ 20%)
Interview, advice and written representations to the court. Fees paid prior to appointment.	£250	£300
Speeding/careless driving: advice and representation at court (guilty plea at local court*)	£350	£420
OPL: advice and representation at court (Guilty Plea at local court*)	£350	£420
Exceptional Hardship matters: Interview, advice and representation at local court* on a guilty plea but where you are liable to disqualification as a totter and wish to retain your licence (resulting from a single conviction)	£450	£540
Special Reasons matters: interview, advice and representation at local court* on a guilty plea, but where you are liable to argue special reasons for not disqualifying. Expert fees will be added to the fee.	£450	£540
Travel & Mileage: Matters outside Barnsley, Rotherham, Sheffield and Doncaster (local courts*) will incur additional mileage and travel costs which will be added to the fee.		

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

- Meet with your 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-£150 + VAT)
- 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 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 on appeal is required this will carry an additional cost.

PAYMENT OF FEES

It is Howard & Co.'s policy that we are in receipt of payment in advance of any hearing and prior to undertaking substantive work. Any cheque payments **MUST** be received within 5 days prior to the hearing date.

MAGISTRATES COURT WORK

Type of matter	Fixed Fee	Inclusive VAT@20%
Trials anticipated to last up to 3 hours (half a day) Fee includes: Consideration of evidence, taking instructions, interviewing witnesses, representation at trial. Where there are expert reports to be obtained, the cost will be added to the fee.	£750	£900
Trials anticipated to last up to 6 hours (Full day) Fee includes: Consideration of evidence, taking instructions, interviewing witnesses, representation at trial. Where there are expert reports to be obtained, the cost will be added to the fee.	£1200	£1440
Extra days are charged at the above rates for full or half days		
Travel & Mileage: Matters outside Barnsley, Rotherham, Sheffield and Doncaster (local courts*) will incur additional mileage and travel costs which will be added to the fee.		

CROWN COURT LITIGATOR WORK

Type of matter	Fixed Fee	Including VAT @ 20%
Appeals against sentence from Magistrates Court	£850	£1020
Appeals against conviction from Magistrates Court	£1000	£1200
Crown Court: guilty plea	£850	£1020
Crown Court: trial	£1250 per day	£1500 per day

A separate fee is payable regarding Crown Court advocacy - quotes can be provided upon request.