

DIRECT PUBLIC ACCESS FACTSHEET

Motoring Cases (Summary only)

Our barristers can advise and represent you in court if you are charged with a 'summary only' motoring offence. This is a motoring offence that can only be heard in the Magistrates' Court: for example, driving whilst disqualified, driving without insurance, careless driving, failing to stop or report, and speeding.

Timescales

Timescales for our services may vary depending on factors such as barristers' availability, the complexity of your case and the need for additional documents. As a guide, written advices on your case will be available within two to four weeks where possible. You may also need representation at short notice. If so, please contact the clerks and our barristers will aim to represent you at the hearing where possible.

Fees

We may charge fixed fees, which means that we will charge you a set amount of money for the work. Below we provide estimates based upon the ranges of fixed fees and hourly rates for barristers in Thomas More Chambers. All specified fees do not include VAT but are always stated to be for the fixed amount (or, where applicable, hourly rate) plus VAT (where applicable), e.g. £1,000 plus VAT.

If we charge fixed fees, these may be towards the higher end of the range if you need a more experienced barrister and/or you have a more complex case.

If you have a particularly complex case, your fees may also be higher than the estimates below.

We may also charge fees on an hourly rate basis. Such fees may be charged in relation to written advices and preparation of your case. We do not charge fees for actual hearings on an hourly rate basis.

The hourly rate will depend upon the complexity of your case and the level of experience of your barrister. The number of hours involved in relation to any piece of work will be determined by the amount of work involved (which will be influenced by factors such as the amount of paperwork relating to your case and the complexity of your case). The number of hours involved may exceed the upper end of the estimate of hours set out below.

Fixed fees

Stage of case

Range of fixed fees (estimates)

Written advice on your case	£525 plus VAT to £3,500 plus VAT
Preparation of case, including meetings with you and assistance with drafting of any court documents	£525 plus VAT to £7,000 plus VAT
Guilty pleas	£500 plus VAT to £3,500 plus VAT
First appearance (pre-trial court appearance)	£350 plus VAT to £700 plus VAT
First day of trial	£1,750 plus VAT to £5,000 plus VAT
Court appearances per day, after the first day of trial	£1,000 plus VAT to £2,500 plus VAT

Hourly rates

Stage of case

Range of hourly rates (estimates)

Written advice on your case	£175 plus VAT to £350 plus VAT Between approximately 3 and 10 hours
Preparation of case, including meetings with you and assistance with drafting of any court documents	£175 plus VAT to £350 plus VAT Between approximately 3 and 20 hours

Contact us

All information is correct as of 30 August 2023 but fees are estimates only.

For a quotation please contact our clerks on 02074047000 or clerks@thomasmore.co.uk