

FEES

Range of costs in Criminal Defence Cases

There are many variables which will impact both on the cost of defending criminal prosecutions or making applications to the Criminal Courts and also the duration of the Court Hearings.

At our first meeting, we will explore what funding options, such as, Legal Aid or insurance cover, may be available to cover the costs.

Example Template (Range of Costs)

Magistrates' Court

A simple plea in mitigation [including preparation] - £200 to £500 plus VAT per day depending upon complexity.

A trial [including preparation] - £1,000 to £1,500 plus VAT per day depending upon complexity.

A bail application [including preparation] - £100 to £300 plus VAT depending upon complexity.

Crown Court

A bail application [including preparation] - £200 to £400 plus VAT depending upon complexity.

A simple plea in mitigation [including preparation] - £300 to £600 plus VAT

A trial [including preparation] - £1,000 to £2,000 plus VAT depending on complexity.

- (a) If a barrister is instructed, his/her fees will be in addition to the above figures.
- (b) These fees will be your own costs of defending the proceedings. If you lose your case, you are likely to be asked to pay Prosecution costs and victim surcharge in addition to your own costs.

If you win your case, you may be able to recover some, but not all, of your own costs from public funds at the discretion of the Court.

- (c) In many cases, it is likely to be possible to agree a fixed fee for the work done to give costs certainty for you and for us.

There are many factors, which affect the complexity of the case including:-

- (a) The nature of the allegation(s) you face.
- (b) The amount of preparation work that needs to be done.
- (c) The number of witnesses and documents included in the case.
- (d) The number of Hearings required to complete the case.
- (e) The length of any Hearing(s).

Disbursements

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as expert's fees. We handle the payment of the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process.

Barrister's fees can be between £500 to £2,000 + VAT per day (depending on experience of the advocate) for attending a Court Hearing (including preparation).