

# Probate (uncontested) – our fees and services

We can help you through this difficult process by obtaining the grant of probate on your behalf. We will also undertake the collecting and distributing of assets.

Typical quote	Cost + VAT <sup>1</sup>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There is a valid will</li><li>• There is no more than one property</li><li>• There are no more than 5 bank or building society accounts</li><li>• There are no other intangible assets</li><li>• There are no more than four beneficiaries</li><li>• There are no disputes between beneficiaries on division of assets. (If disputes arise, this is likely to lead to an increase in costs)</li><li>• There is no inheritance tax payable</li><li>• The executors do not need to submit a full account</li><li>• There are no claims being made against the estate.</li></ul>	<p>On average 10 to 25 hours work.</p> <p>The solicitor working on your case will charge between £170 and £420 plus VAT at 20% per hour depending on their qualifications and experience.</p> <p>Fees will range from £4,000 to £8,000 plus VAT at 20% (£400 - £1,400).</p> <p>We are often able to quote a fixed fee at the outset once we have more information about your case.</p>

## Timescales

On average, estates that fall within this range are dealt with within 6 to 12 months. Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes 3 - 6 months. Collecting assets and then distributing the estate follows, which can take between 3 to 6 months.

## Disbursements

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

Disbursement	Cost
Probate court fee	£300 plus £1.50 per copy
Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department searches	£6 plus VAT (£1.20) per name searched
Advert in London Gazette and local newspaper (to protect against claims from unknown creditors)	£200 to £300 plus VAT (£40 to £60)

## <sup>1</sup>Potential Additional Costs

Additional costs will apply in the following circumstances and we can provide a more accurate quote once we have more information:

- If there is no will, or the estate includes any shareholdings (stocks and bonds)
- You ask us to deal with the income and capital gains tax returns for the estate
- Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property in the estate
- If the Will contains trusts and/or we need to register a trust with the Trust Registration Service
- If the estate contains overseas assets or overseas beneficiaries.

## Our services

We will -

- Provide you with a dedicated and experienced probate solicitor to work on your matter;
- Identify the legally appointed executors or administrators and beneficiaries;
- Accurately identify the type of probate application you will require;
- Obtain the relevant document required to make the application;
- Complete the probate application
- Make the application to the Probate Court on your behalf;
- Obtain the grant of probate and securely send one or more copies; and
- Collect and distribute all assets in the estate.

## Our team

We have various members of the team who may work on your matter. Regardless of who works on your matter, they will be supervised by Alex Taylor, Partner (TEP) and Joint Head of Private Client and/or Daniel Curtis, Partner (TEP) and Joint Head of Private Client.

Name	Title	Office	Qualification	Year Qualified/Experience
Lisette Macdonald	Senior Associate	Birmingham	Solicitor	13 years' experience in estate administration
Laura Banks	Partner	Birmingham	Solicitor	18 years' experience in estate administration
Alexandra Francis	Associate (TEP)	Cambridge	Solicitor	01/03/2012
Bernadette O'Reilly	Partner (TEP)	Cambridge	Solicitor	16/09/1996
Elizabeth Davies	Partner (TEP)	Cambridge	Solicitor	15/10/1993
Lisa Millington	Partner,	Cambridge	Solicitor	15/05/2013
Katherine Hague	Partner (TEP)	Cambridge/ London -International HQ	Solicitor	15/09/2015
Daniel Curtis	Joint Head of Private Client	Cambridge	Solicitor	01/10/1997
Elizabeth Herbert	Associate(TEP)	Cambridge	Solicitor	01/10/2015
Chloe Grainger	Associate	Cambridge	Solicitor	24/08/2020
Jennifer Bark	Solicitor	Cambridge	Solicitor	15/03/2019
Lucy Williams	Solicitor	Cambridge	Solicitor	10/04/2021
Laura Wood	Tax & Trust Manager	Cambridge		
Alan Taylor	Trust & Tax - Associate Executive	Cambridge		

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David King	Partner (TEP)	Cardiff	Solicitor	10 years' experience in estate administration and estates comprising foreign, agricultural and business assets
Sarah Baguley	Legal Director	Cardiff	Solicitor	15 years' experience as a STEP practitioner
Nia Griffiths	Senior Associate	Cardiff	Solicitor	01/09/2016
Georgia O'Reilly	Associate	Cardiff	Solicitor	01/10/2019
Carissa Tan	Paralegal	Cardiff		
Jamie Davies	Associate (TEP)	Cheltenham	Solicitor	11 years' experience in estate administration
Phillipa Bruce-Kerr	Partner	Cheltenham	Solicitor	38 years' experience in estate administration, with business and agricultural property
Thomas Murphy-Kirkhope	Partner	Cheltenham	Solicitor	7 years' experience in estate administration
Alexander Taylor	Joint Head of Private Client Team	Cheltenham	Solicitor	19 years' estate planning and estate administration involving agricultural property or business property as well as cross border estates
Niamh McAlonan	Senior Associate	Cheltenham	Solicitor	9 years' experience in estate administration and estates comprising foreign, agricultural and business assets
Lauren McGurk	Senior Associate (TEP)	Cheltenham	Solicitor	6 years' experience in estate administration
Charis Thornton	Associate	Cheltenham	Solicitor	01/10/2020
Elizabeth Hunt	Paralegal	Cheltenham		7 years' experience in private client teams
Lucy Willmetts-Price	Associate	Hereford	Solicitor	3 years' experience in assisting fee earners with estate administration
Lyndzey Smissen	Associate (FCILEx)	Hereford		
Stephanie Waters	Solicitor	Hereford	Solicitor	7 months' experience in estate administration
Kerri Woodrow	Partner (TEP)	Central England	Solicitor	17/09/2007

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Catherine Ball	Partner (TEP)	Central England	Solicitor	01/02/1999
Tonina Ashby	Partner and Notary Public	Central England	Solicitor	01/11/2016
Kelly Wardell	Senior Associate (TEP)	Cambridge	Solicitor	15/09/2005
Jane Stebbings	Associate (TEP)	Central England	Solicitor	16/10/1989
Hauke Harrack	Associate (TEP)	Central England	Solicitor	17/09/2007
Emma Rolfe	Associate (TEP)	Central England	Solicitor	02/03/2015
Alexandra Svennevik	Associate (TEP)	Central England	Solicitor	15/03/2018
Phil Thomson	Trust & Tax Administrator	Central England		
Hila Habibi	Paralegal	Central England		
Charlene Rayner	Solicitor	London	Solicitor	
Amanda Nelson	Senior Legal Counsel	London		
Suja Kotecha	Associate	London	Solicitor	01/06/2020
Harriet Pugh	Associate	Wye Valley	Solicitor	02/03/2020
John Karim	Solicitor	London	Solicitor	12/05/2021
Emma McCarthy	Partner	Thames Valley	Solicitor	21 years' experience in estate administration and estates comprising foreign, agricultural, and business assets
Julia Stahl	Partner	Wye Valley	Solicitor	02/10/2006
Shirley Rabbetts	Partner (TEP)	Worcester	Solicitor	19 years' experience in estate administration, taxable estates with agricultural and business property relief
Imogen D'Arcy	Solicitor	Worcester	Solicitor	16/12/2019
Helen Barkworth	Associate	Worcester	Solicitor	01/10/2018