

Motoring offences – our prices and services

We provide advice and representation at court in respect of a variety of motoring offences under Part 1 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and s89 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, including causing death by dangerous driving, dangerous driving, causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving, driving or being in charge when under the influence of drink or drugs and speeding offences. Cases of this type can vary enormously in terms of the amount of documentation involved, the number of witnesses, the complexity of any legal issues and the number and length of any hearings. For this reason, predicting the likely total cost of representation is difficult. We have therefore provided a range of costs below and outlined some of the factors which are likely to influence where in the bracket your case will fall. We are happy to discuss your case with you and confirm a cost on a no obligation basis, so do feel free to get in touch.

Case type	Description	Factors likely to make the cost at the higher end of the range	Our costs ¹
A - simple	A straight forward road traffic case such as a drink driving or speeding case where a Guilty Plea is to be entered and the matter will be concluded on the first return date	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not –Guilty Plea• Volume of evidence• Complex legal issues• More than 1 court appearance• Adjournment application required• Exceptional hardship argument or special reasons argument	A fee between £850-£2000 plus VAT (£170-£400) Our fees are calculated by reference to hourly rates set out below. Travel costs are charged separately.
B - medium	A more complex road traffic case such as a drink driving or speeding case where there are a number of legal issues involved or a Not Guilty Plea is to be entered	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volume of documentation• More than 1 defence witness/ a necessity to take numerous witness statements• Complex legal issues• More than 1 court appearance• Adjournment application required	A fee between £2500-£5000 plus VAT (£500-£1000) Our fees are calculated by reference to hourly rates set out below. Travel costs are charged separately.
C - complex	A complex road traffic case such as dangerous driving, causing death by dangerous driving.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volume of documentation• Multiple witnesses• Complex legal issues• Medical or other expert evidence involved• More than 1 court appearance• Adjournment application required	From £3000-£15000 plus VAT (£600-£3000) Our fees are calculated by reference to hourly rates set out below. Travel costs are charged separately.

Third party costs (referred to as disbursements)

We may need to involve other experts in your case, for example, medical experts or barristers and will inform you of these costs on a case by case basis.

Our services:

We will

- meet with you to take your instructions on what happened.
- consider initial disclosure, and any other evidence and provide advice.
- provide advice in relation to plea and likely sentence
- advise on the options available to the court in relation to sentencing
- advise on whether an exceptional hardship, or special reasons argument should be made
- taking statements from any witnesses
- provide representation at court (or instruct a solicitor agent/barrister to represent you)
- provide advice or assistance in relation to any appeal

Timescales

Matters usually take between 1 to 3 months in the Magistrates Court, depending on the type of matter and whether the matter proceeds by way of guilty or not guilty plea. Matters sent to the Crown Court can take considerably longer (12 months or more). We will advise you on the anticipated length of the matter once we have considered your instructions.

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 Heath Thomas, Partner and head of team.

Name	Title	Qualification	Date since
Heath Thomas	Partner, Head of Licensing, Regulatory and Tax	Solicitor	17/6/1996
Aled Owen	Partner	Solicitor	17/5/1999
Kate Oliver	Partner	Solicitor	15/04/2008
Ruth Sheret	Legal Director	Solicitor	15/10/1991
Sophie McCormick	Senior Associate	Solicitor	01/09/2020
Hugh Powell	Associate	Solicitor	17/03/2008

Hourly Rates

These range between £280 and £390 (plus VAT at 20%) depending on the level of legal advice required.