

# Motoring Offences

## MOTORING OFFENCES (SUMMARY OFFENCES)

Our solicitors can advise you on a wide range of Road Traffic Offences. Whether there is the possibility of having penalty points imposed on your licence, or you are facing the possibility of disqualification from driving, it is important to take advice at the earliest opportunity to ensure the appropriate steps have been taken and that your particular circumstances have been taken into account to give you the best chance to keep your licence and minimise the number of points you receive on your licence.

### HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

There are various ways we can help you concerning motoring offences. If you intend to plead guilty and you would like us to draft you a plea of mitigation the estimate would be £750 plus VAT.

If you intend to plead not guilty then the costs will be charged at an hourly rate of £300 plus VAT. We will estimate a budget between £1,500 - £2,500 plus travel time, expenses and VAT, assuming a single court appearance is needed. This estimate varies considerably depending on the nature of the case.

We provide a personalised service and aim to keep you updated throughout your case to help you understand the process and costs involved.

<b>MOTORING OFFENCES – Estimated Range of Costs</b>		
	<b>(£)</b>	<b>VAT (£)</b>
Guilty Plea – plea of mitigation	750	150
Plead not guilty - budget	1,500 – 2,500	300 - 500
Travel time and expenses	at cost	

### Our fee includes:

- 2 hours attendance/preparation.
- Considering evidence.
- Taking your instructions.
- Providing advice on likely penalty.
- Attendance and representation at a single hearing at the Magistrates Court.

### Our fee does not include:

- Instruction of any expert witnesses.
- Taking statements from any witnesses.
- Advice and assistance in relation to a special reasons hearing (we estimate that this would cost £1,750 plus VAT).
- Advice or assistance in relation to any appeal.

### Our fees assumes that:

- This is a standard case and that no unforeseen matters arise.
- The case is concluded in a timely manner and no unforeseen complications arise.
- There is one court appearance.

These costs are indicative, for an individual estimate of costs please contact Mark Hensleigh 01202 292424

### **FACTORS THAT WILL AFFECT THE COST OF YOUR CASE**

- Significant delays.
- Significant waiting or travel time.
- Multiple court appearances.
- Unusually high number of telephone calls or emails.
- Other complicating factors.

### **THE KEY STAGES OF YOUR MATTER**

These 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.
- We will consider initial disclosure, and any other evidence and provide advice.
- We will conduct any further preparatory work, obtain further instructions from you if necessary and answer any follow up queries you have.
- Arranging to take any witness statements if necessary (this will have an additional cost, which will be explained to you if necessary).
- We will explain the court procedure to you so you know what to expect on the day of your hearing, and the sentencing options available to the court.
- 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 a few hours.
- We will discuss the outcome with you. If advice is required on appeal, this will carry an additional cost.