

## **Summary Only (Magistrates Court) Motoring Offences Pricing**

### **Our charges:**

Our overall fees vary depending upon how complex your case is and what you would like us to do. For a free quote specifically tailored to your circumstances please email [info@lex-law.co.uk](mailto:info@lex-law.co.uk). We would be more than happy to discuss your case.

To give you an idea of how we charge however, and to comply the SRA price transparency rules, we have set out below details of our typical charges.

Our charges are made up of:

- a) our fees for the legal work; and
- b) 'disbursements' - disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to other people/entities e.g train ticket if travelling to Court etc... We handle the payment of the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process.

Note we are not VAT registered so do not charge VAT on our fees. Where VAT is referred to below it is therefore only going to be included in disbursements which carry VAT, where applicable. Please note that where VAT applies, this will be charged at the applicable rate, which is currently 20%.

We do not do Legal aid work.

### **Our fees**

Our fees will either be agreed with you as a fixed fee at the outset or our fees will be based on how much time it takes to deal with your case.

A fixed fee is likely to be an option in simple cases involving motoring offences involving drink driving, speeding or using a mobile phone while driving to which you plead guilty at the start of your case.

### **Hourly rate work**

If you are pleading not guilty, we will charge you based on an hourly rate. We will keep you updated at stages agreed with you on how much time has been incurred so that you are kept fully aware of the hours we have worked on your matter and costs. Please note that our standard hourly rates are £300 for one of our solicitors.

### **Fixed fee work**

In terms of fixed fees we, we can normally offer fixed fees in simple cases involving the following motoring offences to which you plead guilty as follows:

- drink driving: £2000 (this fixed fee typically anticipates giving you up to 7 hours support for the matters set out below)
- speeding: £2000; (this fixed fee typically anticipates giving you up to 7 hours support for the matters set out below)
- using a mobile phone while driving: £2000; (this fixed fee typically anticipates giving you up to 7 hours support for the matters set out below)

Our fixed fee includes:

- Up to 7 hours of support to you including;
- Discussing what happened with you;
- Reviewing the evidence in the case;
- Providing advice in relation to plea and likely sentence
- Where we cannot anticipate the likely sentence, advice on the options available to the court in relation to sentencing
- Where appropriate, advice on whether an exceptional hardship, or special reasons argument should be made
- Giving you advice on the possible outcomes in your case;
- Giving you advice on how to best mitigate your circumstances;
- Attending and representing you at one hearing at a Magistrates Court local to us. This would be one of our staff members – not by an external barrister, sometimes known as ‘Counsel’.

It won't always be possible to help people in drink driving cases for this fee as some cases are more complicated. For example, this fee does not include additional work which might be needed in more complicated or contested cases such as:

- The cost of instructing an expert witness;
- Taking statements from witnesses;
- Advising on or assisting with a ‘special reasons’ hearing;
- Advising or assisting with any appeal.

If you contact us we can give you a quote for your particular case.

Other costs to consider

The costs set out above do not include:

- any fines or costs you become liable for as a result of the offence committed;
- appeal costs;
- the cost of taking witness statements, which are charged at an additional £300 per hour based on time engaged;
- obtaining expert witness evidence if required.

## **Key stages of your case**

The fee above is intended to cover all of the key stages of a summary motoring offence case:

- Meeting with you and finding out what happened;
- Advice on your case;
- Considering initial disclosure and evidence in your case;
- If necessary, taking witness statements (which carry an additional cost of £300 per hour)
- Explaining the procedure and next steps to you;
- Attending Court with you usually for approximately half a day;
- Helping you understand the outcome of the case and your options for appeal if appropriate (appeal costs are separate).

It would not normally be necessary to undertake other work or incur costs other than those described above. However, we would be very happy to provide you with a more tailored quote for all stages of your particular case once we know about your specific circumstances.

## **How long will my case take?**

Generally speaking cases of this nature are not made up of a lot of different stages and are concluded on the day of your Magistrates Court hearing. The Magistrates Court date is normally set by the Police after your arrest or in the Court summons so hopefully you are aware of when your case will be concluded. If we are working together and you are not sure of your Court date please just ask us and we would be very happy to confirm.

## **Who will be dealing with my case?**

Your case will be handled by a trusted experienced Solicitor who deals with motoring offences work. Once we know who will be handling your case for you we will introduce you to them and provide you with full details of their background and qualifications.

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