

Unity Street Chambers

Public Access – Motoring Offences (Summary Only)

Our barristers can advise and represent you in court if you are charged with a ‘summary only’ motoring offence. This is a motoring offence which can only be heard in the Magistrates’ Court; for example, driving while disqualified, driving without insurance, careless driving, failing to stop or report, and speeding.

Timescales

Timescales for our services may vary depending on factors such as barristers’ availability, the complexity of your case and the need for additional documents. As a guide, written advice on your case will be available within two to four weeks where possible. You may also need representation at short notice. If so, please contact the clerks and our barristers will aim to represent you at the hearing where possible.

Fees

We may charge fixed fees, which means that we will charge you a set amount of money for the work. Below we provide estimates based on the ranges of fixed fees for barristers in Unity Street Chambers. All fees exclude VAT (where applicable).

If we charge fixed fees, these may vary depending on your needs – for example, your fees may be towards the higher end of the range if you need a more experienced barrister and/or you have a complex case. If you have a particularly complex case, your fees may also be higher than the estimates below.

Our barristers’ hourly rates range between £125 + VAT and £250 + VAT.

Stage of case	Ranges of fixed fees (estimates)/Ranges of hourly rates (estimates)
Written advice on your case	£350 - £450 + VAT, approximately 2-3 hours
Preparation of case, including meetings with you and assistance with drafting of court documents	£350 - £450 + VAT, approximately 2-3 hours
Guilty pleas	£450 - £550 + VAT, approximately 1 hour hearing and 2 hours preparation
First appearance (pre-trial court appearance)	£350-£450 + VAT, approximately 30min hearing and 2 hours preparation
First day of trial	£800 – £1000 + VAT, approximately 5 hours and 3 hours preparation
Court appearances per day, after the first day of trial	£500-£700+ VAT, approximately 5 hours

Contact Us

All information is correct as of February 2021, but fees are estimates only. For a quotation, please contact the clerks on 0117 906 9789 or by e-mail clerks@unitystreetchambers.com.