

Unity Street Chambers

Public Access – Personal Injury Claims

If you have had an accident which was not your fault and you wish to make a personal injury claim, our barristers can advise and represent you.

Timescales

Timescales for your claim may vary depending on factors such as barristers' availability, the complexity of your claim, the need for additional documents and the other side's approach. However, more straightforward cases will ideally settle within six months of a claim being made. If a trial is required, as a guide the courts tend to have a hearing date within two years of a claim being made.

Fees

We may use conditional fee agreements ("no win, no fee" agreements), which mean that you will only pay your barrister's fees if your claim is successful and you receive compensation. Below we provide fee estimates based on how much your claim is for (generally, up to £25,000), and the ranges of current fees for barristers in Unity Street Chambers.

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

All fees are charged excluding VAT (where applicable). If we use conditional fee agreements, your fees may be towards the higher end of the range if you need a more experienced barrister and/or you have a more complex claim. If your claim is successful the other side will also normally reimburse your additional costs. These are likely to be:

- Court fees fees are based on the value of the claim (for further information see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fees-in-the-civil-and-family-courts-main-fees-ex50>)
- Expert fees costs will depend on the nature of the expert evidence required

If your claim is unsuccessful, you will not normally pay your barrister's fees, or the other side's legal fees or costs. However, you will still need to pay your other costs. If you do not already have legal expenses insurance, you may therefore wish to take out an after the event insurance policy to cover these costs.

Claim – not more than £3,000

Meeting with you

Ranges of fees (estimates)

£300 to £600 + VAT, approximately 2-4 hours

Written advice on your claim

£300 to £600 + VAT, approximately 2-4 hours

Drafting a statement of case

£300 + VAT, approximately 2 hours

Trial (if required)

£750 + VAT, approximately 5 hours

Success fee (if payable)

No success fee

Claim – more than £3,000, but not more than £9,999

Meeting with you

£400 to £800 + VAT, approximately 2-4 hours

Written advice on your claim

£400 to £800 + VAT, approximately 2-4 hours

Drafting a statement of case	£400 + VAT, approximately 2 hours
Trial (if required)	£1000 + VAT, approximately 5 hours
Success fee (if payable)	No success fee

Claim – more than £10,000, but not more than £14,999

Meeting with you	£400 to £800 + VAT, approximately 2-4 hours
Written advice on your claim	£400 to £800 + VAT, approximately 2-4 hours

Drafting a statement of case	£400 + VAT, approximately 2 hours
Trial (if required)	£1200 + VAT, approximately 5 hours plus 1 hour preparation
Success fee (if payable)	No success fee

Claim – more than £15,000 (generally, no more than £25,000)

Meeting with you	£400 to £800 + VAT, approximately 2-4 hours
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Written advice on your claim	£400 + VAT, approximately 2 hours
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Drafting a statement of case	£600 + VAT, approximately 3 hours
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Trial (if required)	£1400 + VAT, approximately 5 hours plus 2 hours preparation
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Success fee (if payable)	No success fee
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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.