

Information on pricing for summary only – road traffic offences based on a guilty plea

SRA requirements oblige us to provide price information for assistance in relation to summary only motoring offences under Part I of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and s89 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. We charge for these matters on an hourly basis.

Phil Smith's hourly rate is £500 per hour plus VAT. Henrietta Ronson's charging rate is £375 per hour plus VAT. Paralegals and trainees' hourly rates are £225 per hour plus VAT.

Although all cases are different, we estimate that for most cases, assuming a guilty plea, the work required to reach the end of the first hearing in the Magistrates' Court would be approximately 6-12 hours' work. We estimate this would come to between £2,000 and £4,000 plus VAT.

This work would ordinarily include:

- Considering evidence.
- Providing advice in relation to plea and likely sentence.
- Where you 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.
- Representation at a single hearing.

This work would not include:

- Instruction of any expert witnesses.
- Taking statements from any witnesses.
- Advice and assistance in relation to a 'special reasons' hearing.
- Advice or assistance in relation to any appeal.

These estimated costs are on the basis of a guilty plea at the outset where a date has already been fixed. Where a not guilty plea is entered, or where no date has been fixed, costs will increase accordingly. Equally, there may be factors outside of our control, such as delays in the service of evidence, which may increase costs.

We may also incur charges for external costs ('disbursements'), such as instructing a barrister to appear on your behalf. We will advise as to costs for disbursements should this become relevant.

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