

Probate work

All work will be undertaken or supervised by our solicitor who has over 20 years' experience.

Our charges

Applying for the Grant, collecting and distributing the assets

The exact cost will vary according to the individual circumstances of the matter. After considering the individual estate, we will be able to provide a clear estimate.

We set out below our fees to act for you in matters where:-

- There is a valid will;
- There are no more than two executors;
- There are no more than three beneficiaries;
- There is no more than one property;
- There are no more than five bank or building society accounts;
- There are no other intangible assets;
- There are no foreign assets;
- There are no lifetime gifts exceeding the annual exemption;
- There are no disputes between beneficiaries on division of assets. If disputes arise this is likely to lead to an increase in costs;
- There is no inheritance tax payable and the executors do not need to submit a full account to HM Revenue & Customs;
- There are no claims made against the estate and
- There is no Department of Work and Pensions investigation.

Our charges are based on the time spent on the file, correspondence and telephone calls, at the hourly rate of £220.00 plus VAT. Time spent will include meetings, considering, drafting and working on the file. We anticipate this would take between seven to nine hours of work. The total costs are estimated at £1,540 plus VAT to £1,980 plus VAT and disbursements. In addition, we charge a value element in accordance with the Law Society guidelines.

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as court fees. We handle the payment of the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process.

Potential added costs

Depending on the individual circumstances of the case, there may be additional costs incurred. For example, the following items may serve to increase the estimate above:-

- If a full account is required to be submitted to HM Revenue & Customs;
- If there is no will;
- If there are any shareholdings (stocks and bonds), pensions, annuities and life policies or additional assets requiring valuation.
- If there is a Department of Work and Pensions enquiry in relation to the estate.
- If disputes between beneficiaries arise this is likely to lead to an increase in costs;
- If it necessary to prepare a tax return in relation to the deceased's estate.

We will of course provide you with a more accurate quote once we have more information.

Contact us for further information or to make an appointment.