

Clifton Law Price Information

Motoring Offences

Please note that we charge legal fees on a fixed fee basis. Fixed Fee is also known as Agreed Fees. Fixed fees give our clients peace of mind because they know from the start, how much it would cost them to complete their case from start to finish.

Our fixed fee depends on the motoring offence, whether you are pleading guilty or not guilty, and whether the case is already before the magistrates' court, and ranges from £1,200.00 (incl. VAT) to £3,000.00 (incl. VAT).

Guilty plea – fixed fee £1,200 - £1,800 (incl. VAT)

Fee includes:

- 2 hours attendance/preparation:
 - considering evidence
 - taking your instructions
 - providing advice on plea and likely sentence
 - Where we cannot anticipate the likely sentence, we will advise on the options available to the court in relation to sentencing
 - Where appropriate, we will advise on whether an exceptional hardship, or special reasons argument should be made
- Attendance and representation at a single hearing at the Magistrates Court

The fee does not include:

- instruction of any expert witnesses
- taking statements from any witnesses
- advice and assistance in relation to a special reason hearing
- advice or assistance in relation to any appeal

The key stages of your matter are based on the presumption that you have entered a guilty plea and have a date for your hearing.

- Meet with your solicitor to provide instructions on what happened.
- We will consider initial disclosure, and any other evidence and provide advice.
- Arranging to take any witness statements if necessary (this will have an additional cost).
- We will explain the court procedure to you so you know what to expect on the day of your hearing, and the sentencing options available to the court.

- We will conduct any further preparatory work, obtain further instructions from you if necessary and answer any follow up queries you have.
- We cannot provide a timescale of when your hearing will take place, as this depends on the court listing for that day.
- We will attend court on the day and meet with you before going before the court. We anticipate being at court for half a day.
- We will discuss the outcome with you. If advice is required on appeal, this will carry an additional cost.

The fees for our service can vary depending on a number of factors including:

- Additional time required
- Contacting witnesses/third parties
- Liaising with courts
- If the trial runs over half a day
- The location of the trial
- Number of witnesses involved
- Number of offences committed

Not guilty plea (fixed fee) – £1500 (incl. VAT) – £3000 (incl. VAT)

If you decide to enter a not guilty plea/s at the Magistrates court we will work with you to prepare a thorough case and represent you at the Magistrates' court trial.

Stages of process: based on the presumption that you have entered a not guilty plea and have a date for your hearing.

- Initial consultation and advice
- Review of charge summons and evidence and provide advice
- Further consultation by phone/in person regarding defence, explaining the court procedure so you know what to expect at your hearing, and the likely sentencing options available to the court
- We will conduct any further preparatory work, obtain further instructions from you if necessary and answer any follow up queries you have
- We cannot provide a timescale of when your hearing will take place, as this depends on the court listing
- We will attend court on the day and meet with you before going before the court. We anticipate being at court for half a day
- We will discuss the outcome after the court hearing with you. If advice is required on appeal, this will carry an additional cost

Our fee includes:

- Attending to you over the phone/in person

- A full assessment of the evidence including advice on likely sentence/prospects of success
- Minimum of 2 hours' attendance/preparation:
- Considering evidence
- Providing advice in relation to plea and likely sentence
- Written plea and written case management
- Full representation up to and including the trial hearing for no more than half a day
- Providing assistance in obtaining character reference evidence and mitigating any penalties that the Court may impose
- Where appropriate, advice on whether an exceptional hardship or special reasons argument should be made
- Barristers fees
- Car parking/mileage or other travelling expenses

Our fee does not include:

- Instruction of any expert witnesses
- Taking statements from any witnesses
- Advice and assistance in relation to a special reason hearing
- Advice or assistance in relation to any appeal
- Representation in person at any case management hearings
- Third party or experts' fees
- If the court of its own volition sees fit to adjourn your trial to another date, requiring us to reschedule date of attendance
- Any work following the conclusion of your final hearing or appeal which would incur additional fees
- Costs in relation to transfer proceedings
- Any fine imposed by the court, surcharge or order for costs made in favour of prosecution

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Can I get legal aid for Motoring Offences?

Clifton Law Solicitors are currently not able to assist you under Legal Aid, so you will need to pay privately for our services.

Visit our [team page](#) to find out more about the experience and qualifications of individuals who may assist you with your case.