

Summary Offences in the Magistrates Court

Legal fees

We charge on an hourly rate. If your case is straightforward, for example a drink driving offence where there has been a guilty plea then we would estimate that the time would be 2-3 chargeable hours. If the matter is more complicated, for instance, if there are a number of witness involved, the matter could be estimated at nearer 5 hours' work or more.

Below we have listed our contact details, one of our lawyers will be happy to discuss the circumstances of your particular case and a costs estimate can be given. In some circumstances we can also agree a discretionary fixed fee.

We will always use blended hourly rates where appropriate to conserve costs and ensure we can offer our clients a cost-effective service.

Our normal hourly rates are as follows;

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| - Partner | - £325 p/h |
| - Senior Associate | - £275 p/h |
| - Associate | - £225 p/h |
| - Trainee Solicitor | - £165 p/h |
| - Paralegal | - £145 p/h |

Key stages (guilty plea)

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

- We will speak with you to take your instructions on what happened.
- We will consider the initial disclosure, and any other evidence and provide advice on the strength of the evidence against you.
- If you wish to rely on character evidence, we will contact your referees and take written statements from them.

- 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 guarantee that your hearing will take place, as this depends on the court listing for that day and it outside of our control.
- We will attend court on the day and meet with you before going before the court and discuss any final matters with you.
- We will represent you in court and present your case to the bench. We will always seek the best possible outcome for you.
- We will discuss the outcome with you following the hearing and provide an initial advice on appeal of sentence if necessary.

Service Level Guarantee

We believe we provide a first-class defence service to our clients. If you don't consider that you have had exceptional service from us during the course of your engagement, you may choose to reduce your bill by up to 15% - no strings attached. You alone determine whether the service level guarantee is invoked. There is no downside for you at all. It costs you nothing and it is our way of demonstrating our commitment to your case.

Contact us

If you would like to make an appointment to discuss your case with one of our team then either call us on 0203 814 2020 or contact us on enquiries@blasermills.co.uk