Disputes

Occasionally claims are disputed and those matters require detailed attention from our lawyers. Once a dispute is apparent, a defence filed or an application received from the Court then the matter is passed to one of our lawyers working within the team. After initial assessment of the file a cost estimate to bring the matter to a conclusion will be provided. We will discuss the tactics of progressing the matter which may include mediation or a Part 36 offer to put exert pressure on the Defendant. Our hourly rates will apply in these circumstances, generally we seek to charge the hourly rates set by the Courts as these will enable us to maximise the recovery of costs on a successful matter. Wherever possible we seek to agree a **fixed fee** for the progress of the matter to conclusion once a matter becomes defended.

Lawyer	Hourly Rate	Hourly Rate Inclusive of VAT
Partner/Head of Department	£300.00	£360.00
Associate Solicitor	£300.00	£360.00
Legal Executive (+ 4 years)	£300.00	£360.00
Legal Executive (-4 years)	£250.00	£300.00
Solicitor (- 4 years)	£250.00	£300.00
CILEX member (- 4 years)	£200.00	£250.00
Insolvency Lawyer	£300.00	£360.00
Paralegal	£150.00	£180.00

Other Court Fees	Court Fee
Directions Questionnaire Fee > £1500	Nil
Directions Questionnaire Fee < £1500 -£5000	Nil
Fast Track & Multi Track	Nil
Hearing Fees up to £300.00	£ 27.00
Hearing Fees £ 300.01 - £500.00	£ 59.00
Hearing Fees £ 500.01 - £1000.00	£ 85.00
Hearing Fees £1000.01 - £1500.00	£ 123.00
Hearing Fees £1500.01 – £3000.00	£ 181.00
Hearing Fees £3000.01 +	£ 346.00
Fast Track Listing Questionnaire Fee	£ 545.00
Multi Track Listing Questionnaire Fee	£1175.00
Fast Track Pre-Trial Check List	£ 110.00
Multi Track Pre-Trial Check List	£ 110.00
Application On Notice	£ 275.00
Application Without Notice	£ 108.00
Consent Order	£ 108.00
Application for Certified Judgment or EEO	£ 108.00
Agents Fees	£135.00 - £400.00 + VAT

Insolvency Costs>

Bankruptcy	Court Fee/Fees Incurred	Our Charge + VAT
Statutory Demand		£ 125.00
Process Servers	£ 87.50 plus VAT	
Drafting Petition		£ 275.00
Search for Prior Petition	£ 30.00 plus VAT	£ 30.00
Court Fee for Search	£ 7.00/£45.00	
Court Fee	£ 302.00	
Official Receivers' Deposit	£1500.00 Refundable less £50.00 if order not made	
Process Servers	£ 87.50 plus VAT	
Preparation for Final Hearing		£ 275.00
Agents Fees if required	£ 85.00-£280.00 plus VAT	
Hourly rate if contested		Hourly Rate
Approx Total - £3000.00 + VAT		
Winding Up	Court Fee/Fee Incurred	Our Charge plus VAT
Winding Up Letter		£ 25.00
Statutory Demand		£ 125.00
Search for Prior Petition	£30.00 plus VAT	£ 30.00
Drafting Petition & Issuing		£ 275.00
Court Fee	£302.00	
Official Receivers' Deposit	£2600.00 Refundable less £50.00 if order not made.	
Process Servers	£ 87.50 plus VAT	
Advertisement of Petition	£103.60 plus VAT	
Pre-Trial Review	£100.00 plus VAT	£175.00
Drafting Advertisement		£ 30.00
Preparation for Final Hearing		£ 275.00
Counsels Fees	£200.00 plus VAT	
Hourly rate if contested		Hourly Rate
Dismissal Advertisement	£103.60 plus VAT	£30.00
Approx Total - £4500.00 + VAT		

Wherever possible we seek to recover the costs of our insolvency actions from the Respondent. We will utilise our hourly rate wherever possible to ensure that the full costs are recovered from the action taken which may be greater than our fixed rates. If we recover the costs incurred then we will account to you for these costs in full. Please note that if a dispute arises from an insolvency action the lawyers' hourly rate will apply to the time spent on the matter. Additional Counsels fees may also be required if a hearing is adjourned together with other external fees as incurred. Insolvency actions should only be commenced if a claim is undisputed as the process should not be used in other circumstances. Court can award costs against petitioning creditors for any incorrect use of this process.

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