

MOTORING LAW PRICING POLICY

Pricing Structure

I have a pricing structure to suit everyone in relation to their level of income. For a general motor offence advice, I charge an hourly rate of £175 plus VAT. In situations where you require representation at Court, I offer a fixed fee. The fixed fee would depend on the complexity of the offence with which you have been charged or summoned to Court and whether you intend to please guilty or not guilty. Payments for not guilty pleas can be made in instalments in some cases although the balance of the fees will have to be paid in full prior to your trial date.

Not Guilty Pleas

If you plead not guilty your case will be adjourned for trial. In most cases there will be two hearing dates. The fixed fee for a contested summary only motoring offence will range between £2,000 to £5,000. This will depend upon the complexity of your case. Before you make a decision to formally instruct me, I will discuss your case with you and provide you with a clear indication as to what the costs in your case will be. The timescale will depend upon when the court lists your trial for a hearing.

Defendant's Cost Order

If you are found not guilty after a trial or if the case against you is discontinued the Court may award you a Defendant's Cost Order. The award of a Defendant's Cost Order will mean that a proportion of your legal fees will be reimbursed following the successful conclusion of your case.

Guilty Pleas

When you plead guilty our role will be to try and ensure that you receive the best sentence possible in the circumstances whether that is keeping your disqualification to a minimum or keeping your licence if you are at risk of disqualification for "totting up" 12 penalty points or more.

My fixed fee for a guilty plea is £900 for the preparation of your case and representation at Court for a summary only offence which are those cases heard in the Magistrates Court included in one hearing. The services included in the fixed fee are:-

- Representation at a single hearing at the Magistrates Court from a Barrister or Solicitor.
- Taking your full instructions and preparing your proof of evidence.
- Advice on the prosecution evidence.
- Advice on the Court procedure.
- Advice on your likely sentence.
- Advice on character references.
- Advice on appeal.

Whether you plead guilty or not guilty you will be represented at the Court hearing by an expert Barrister who will be instructed by me. If your hearing date is adjourned for any reason and I represent you at that hearing, there will be a separate fixed fee of £900 to represent you on the adjourned hearing date.

All fees are subject to VAT at the rate of 20 percent.

In cases where you plead not guilty it may be necessary to instruct an independent expert such as a toxicologist or doctor. The cost of the expert's fee may vary. I will advise you whether instructing an independent expert will be beneficial to your case and what their fees will be before I instruct them. Any expert's fee will be a disbursement (in other words an expense incurred) to be paid by you on top of the fixed fee.

The above quoted fees do not include:

- Obtaining, reviewing and advising upon any medical evidence if medical evidence is needed as part of your case;
- Instruction of an expert witness;

Who will be responsible for my case?

All motoring cases will be dealt with by Paul Turner.

I have over 44 years experience as a practising Solicitor; over 35 years on my own account.

Complaint Policy

I want to provide you with the best policy legal service. However, if you are unhappy or have any concerns about the service that you have been provided with, please inform me immediately and I will endeavour to find a resolution to your complaint.

In the first instance you should address your concerns with the person who is handling your case. If you are still not satisfied you should put your complaint in writing to Peter D Greenhalgh, 10 Edward Street, Glossop, SK13 7AF. Please note that making a complaint will not affect how your case is dealt with.

If after putting your complaint in writing, you are still not satisfied you can make a complaint to the Legal Ombudsman within six months of receiving a final response to your complaint and no more than six years from the date of the act or omission or no more than three years from when you should reasonably have known there was cause for complaint.

The Legal Ombudsman can be contacted in writing at Legal Ombudsman, PO Box 6806, Wolverhampton, WV1 9WJ or by telephone on 0300 555 0333 or by email at enquiries@legalombudsman.org.uk or visit their website at www.legalombudsman.org.uk

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