

Motoring Offences Fixed Fees

Our standard hourly rate is £210+VAT (£42.00) however we do offer fixed fees which can provide you with certainty of cost.

What does my fee include?

- Considering the police and prosecution evidence;
- Taking your instructions
- Providing advice on your plea and likely sentence
- Obtaining and drafting witness statements
- Explaining the Court procedure
- Instructing and arranging Experts (Please note expert fees are a separate disbursement)
- Advocacy including cross examination of any prosecution witnesses

Table of Fees

Hourly Rate	£210.00 + VAT	£252.00
Travel Hourly Rate	£100 + Vat	£120.00
Initial Hour Consultation	£175.00 + VAT	£210.00
Guilty Plea First Hearing	£300.00 + VAT	£360.00
Sentencing Hearing	£200.00 + VAT	£240.00
Exceptional Hardship	£500.00 + VAT - £750.00 + VAT	From £600.00 to £900.00
Special Reasons	£500.00 + VAT - £750.00 + VAT	From £600.00 to £900.00
Not Guilty Plea First Hearing	£300.00 + VAT - £500.00 + VAT	From £360.00 to £600.00
½ Day Trial	£750.00 + VAT	£900.00
Full Day Trial	£1000 + VAT	£1200.00

Please note the fixed fees do not include any disbursements and travel.

Disbursements include mileage charged at 0.45 per mile.

Travel will be charged at of £100+VAT (£20.00) £120 per hour.

No travel will be charged for cases at Doncaster Magistrates Court.

1 Hour Advice Appointment

Sometimes you may only require an advice appointment and not need any further representation. At such an appointment we will discuss your case, advise you and confirm any advice in writing.

The fee for such an appointment is of £175 +VAT (£35.00) = Total: £210.00

This may be all the advice you need but if you require further advice or representation we will discuss with you any potential further costs.

Guilty Plea

The fixed fee for advice and representation for a guilty plea at the first hearing is £300.00 + VAT (£60.00) = Total: £360.00.

If the case is adjourned for sentence then we will charge a further fee of £200 + VAT (£40.00) = Total: £240.00 for the sentencing hearing.

Please note that these costs relate to Doncaster Magistrates Court and we reserve the right to charge travel at £100+Vat(£20) per hour to other Courts.

Exceptional Hardship

Losing your driving licence can be extremely detrimental to your work or family life.

In some cases we will be able to argue exceptional hardship exists and therefore the Court should not disqualify you.

A fee between £500.00 + VAT (£100.00) and £750+VAT (£150.00) will be the cost for such a hearing.

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Special Reasons

There is an fee of between £500.00 +VAT (£100.00) £750+VAT (£150.00) for a special reasons argument.

Special reasons are when your advocate will seek to persuade the Court that special reasons exist for you not to be disqualified.

These can be argued in cases of drink and drug driving which carry a mandatory disqualification.

We can advise you as to whether special reasons exist in your case and if such an argument is worth pursuing.

Not Guilty Plea and Trial

The fixed fee for representation at the first hearing for a not guilty plea is between £300+Vat (£60.00) = Total £360.00 and £500 + VAT (£100.00) = Total: £600.00.

This will depend on the complexity of the case and volume of the prosecution evidence.

Further costs to prepare the case for trial will be dependent on the complexity of the case but will be £750 + VAT (£150.00) = Total : £900.00 for a half day trial and £1000 + VAT (£200.00) = Total £1200.00 for a full day trial.

Time Scales

Guilty Plea – In most cases when a guilty plea is entered the case will conclude on the day of the first hearing. If there are any complexities in the case that require an adjournment, for example for the preparation of a pre-sentence report, the case will usually conclude within 4 - 6 weeks. It is dependent upon the Court's listing availability.

Not Guilty Plea – Most contested cases will conclude within a 4 - 6 month period in South Yorkshire, whether this is if the case is adjourned for trial or for a special reasons/exceptional hardship argument. This time scale may vary in other areas of the country.

Timescales for cases to be heard in the Magistrates' Court can vary, and the average current listing time in South Yorkshire is between 4 - 6 months. In light of this we cannot give you a specific date and time for your future hearing but it would usually be within 4 - 6 months from the date of the first hearing. The date for any future hearing will be fixed at the first hearing.

As indicated above it is at the discretion of the Court as to when and where a case will be listed, however they will listen to representations from us to accommodate your availability.

We will aim to give a more accurate expectation of timescale when initially discussing your case as listing times can reduce or increase dependent upon the Court's availability