



Fenners' Approach to Fees

We recruit top quality barristers, provide them with extensive library and on-line research services, backed by first-rate support staff, to ensure we provide our clients with the standard of service they need and expect. We do believe, though, that at Fenners our fees are realistic and competitive and that our fee structure is transparent.

Litigation can be a costly process but, at Fenners, we aim to break down this potential barrier to assist clients gain access to justice. We take a customer focused view in relation to fees, offering a flexible approach. We aim to provide fee quotations at the earliest possible opportunity to ensure manageable solutions to the payment of fees.

The following people are invited to contact the Clerks on **01223 368761** (or email – clerks@fennerschambers.com) to discuss our services and the likely fees:

- Solicitors or other practising lawyers;
- Licensed Access clients, who may either hold a licence issued by the Bar Standards Board, or be a member of a professional body which has been recognised by the Bar Standards Board; and
- Members of the public who wish to instruct a barrister under the Public Access scheme.

We will provide you with a quote as soon as possible. We always aim to set out quotes clearly, but if you receive your quote and there is something you do not understand, please contact us.

Hourly rates are charged for written work and conferences, which will usually be agreed in advance of the work being undertaken. We are happy to consider proposals for capped fees for this work.

If additional work is required or further paperwork needs to be considered, additional fees may be charged at the hourly rate agreed.

Each Barrister has an hourly rate, which is in line with their expertise and experience ranging from £175 plus VAT to £500 plus VAT. Our knowledgeable Clerks are available to discuss fees, and to identify the most appropriate Barrister for each client's needs.

However, these fees may vary to take into account the complexity and value of each case. Direct access work involves the additional element of client care requirements and the rates for this work can therefore be slightly higher.

Hearing fees are calculated based on likely time to be spent in preparation and at court. A travel element may also be included in the fee.

Fees for trials are set out as brief fee and refresher fee. A brief fee covers day one of the trial, including preparation for that hearing. Refresher fees are the agreed rate applicable to each subsequent day of the trial. These fees will be agreed in advance with guidance on the date that they will become due. In many circumstances it may be necessary to deem fees due in advance of the hearing, in stages, to allow the Barrister to prepare.



VAT will be charged on top of fees for Barristers who are VAT registered.

Our Barristers will accept instructions on a Conditional Fee Agreement (no win, no fee) basis in certain circumstances. For further information please contact the Clerks on [01223 368761](tel:01223368761) or by email at clerks@fennerschambers.com

We are happy to provide quotations for legal services on request from Professional, Licensed Access and/or lay clients. We will require information about the case, timescales, and volume of papers in order to produce a quote and may ask for paperwork to be provided in advance. We will provide any quotations in a clear and understandable format within a reasonable time period.

Timescales

There are a number of factors that may influence timescales for the services we provide, for example, the Barristers current workload and the complexity of the case. We aim to provide written advices and paperwork within 21 days of receipt of instructions where possible.

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