



**Five Pump
Court Chambers**

COSTS AND TIMESCALES IN DIRECT ACCESS CASES

We are obliged to provide indicative information about costs and timescales in certain areas of work which we might take on under Direct Access. This information is set out below and refers to the following types of cases:

- Employment Tribunals;
- Financial disputes in divorce where the total assets are worth less than £300,000;
- Inheritance Act advice where the total assets are worth less than £300,000;
- Licensing applications in relation to business premises;
- Summary Only Motoring Offences (Advice and Representation for Defendants);
- Winding up petitions.

All costs below are indicative costs only (estimates) which might be affected by a number of factors such as which barrister is going to do the work; how complex the work is; how much preparation is required and how urgent the work is.

If you want to instruct us on a Direct Access basis to do any of the work listed below, please contact us for a quote. We will normally agree a fixed fee with you.

EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNALS

What can we do?

Our barristers can advise both employees and employers on ordinary unfair dismissal and wrongful dismissal claims. Our barristers can also represent both employees and employers at the Employment Tribunal.

Timescales

Timescales for your case may vary depending on factors such as barristers' availability, the complexity of your case, the need for additional documents and the other side's approach. However, as a guide more straightforward cases tend to have a hearing date four to six months of a claim being made.

Costs

We may charge fixed fees which means that we will charge you a set amount of money for the work. Below we provide estimates based on the ranges of fixed fees for barristers at 5 Pump Court Chambers. All fees exclude VAT (where applicable). If we charge fixed fees, these may vary depending on your needs – for example, your fees may be towards the higher end of the range if you need a more experienced barrister and/or you have a more complex case. If you have a particularly complex case, your fees may also be higher than the estimates below.

There are also likely to be additional costs of £1,500 - £3,000 plus VAT if you need an expert report on any aspect of the case.

Stage of case	Range of fixed fees (estimates)
Written advice on your case	£500 – 750 plus VAT
Preparation of case, including meetings with you and assistance with drafting of any court documents	£750 - £1,000 plus VAT for a conference £750 - £1,000 plus VAT for drafting documents
Preliminary hearing	£750 - £1,000 plus VAT
First day's tribunal appearance	£1,500 - £2,000 plus VAT
Tribunal appearances per day after the first day	£1,250 - £1,500 plus VAT
Remedy hearing (to decide compensation)	£1,250 - £1,500 plus VAT

FINANCIAL DISPUTES IN DIVORCE

What can we do?

Our barristers can advise you if you and your former partner cannot agree on financial matters during, or after, a divorce. For example, you may not be able to agree on how assets should be divided, whether to sell your home or other assets, maintenance payments, or pension sharing. If you cannot agree, you can apply to a court for a financial order.

You may need to attend a number of court hearings – our barristers can represent you in these hearings.

Timescales

Timescales for your case may vary depending on factors such as barristers' availability, the value and complexity of your assets, whether you have children, how much you have already agreed with your former partner, and their approach. Written advice on your financial dispute will be available within two to four weeks where possible. As a guide, court hearings for a financial order tend to take six to twelve months. This does not include possible appeals.

Costs

We may charge fixed fees which means that we will charge you a set amount of money for the work. Below we provide estimates based on the ranges of fixed fees for barristers at 5 Pump Court Chambers, where the parties have joint assets which are worth less than £300,000. All fees exclude VAT (where applicable). If we charge fixed fees, these may be towards the higher end of the range if you need a more experienced barrister. If you have a particularly complex case, your fees may also be higher than the estimates below.

There are also likely to be additional costs of £1,500 - £3,000 plus VAT if you require an expert opinion on any aspect of your case. There may be costs of £500 - £1,500 plus VAT to have property valued (more for multiple properties). There are court fees payable to issue various applications which may be necessary including £275 for a financial order other than by consent or £53 for an financial order by consent. Further details about court fees can be found at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/fees-in-the-civil-and-family-courts-main-fees-ex50

Stage of case	Range of fixed fees (estimates)
Written advice on your dispute	£500 – £750 plus VAT
Preparation of case, including meetings with you and assistance with drafting of any court documents	£750 - £1,000 plus VAT for a conference £750 - £1,000 plus VAT for drafting documents
First appointment (first court hearing exchanging financial information)	£1,000 - £1,500 plus VAT (5-10 years call) £3,000 - £4,000 plus VAT (10 years + call)
Financial dispute resolution appointment	£2,000 - £3,000 plus VAT (5-10 year call)

(second court hearing to reach a financial settlement)	£5,000 - £7,500 plus VAT (10 years + call)
First day of final hearing (if no settlement was reached in the financial dispute resolution appointment)	£4,000 - £6,000 plus VAT (5-10 year call) £6,000 - £7,500 plus VAT (10 years+ call)
Court appearances per day, after the first day of the final hearing	£1,000 - £1,250 plus VAT (5-10 years call) £1,500 - £2,000 plus VAT (10 years + call)

INHERITANCE ACT ADVICE

The Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975 protects spouses (including former spouses), cohabitants, children and other dependants when a person dies without leaving sufficient money for the dependent's continued wellbeing. Our barristers can provide you with written advice on whether you can make a claim under the Act. Our barristers can also provide you with written advice when a person dies and you are a beneficiary of the estate, but someone else makes a claim under the Act.

Timescales

Timescales for your written advice may vary depending on factors such as barristers' availability, the value and complexity of the deceased person's estate, your financial needs and those of any beneficiary of the estate. However, claims under the Act must be made within six months of the grant of probate, so as a guide your written advice will be available within two to four weeks where possible.

Costs

We may agree a fixed fee with you for the work required. Below we provide estimates based on the ranges of fixed fees for barristers, where the deceased person's estate is worth less than £300,000.

If we charge fixed fees, these may be towards the higher end of the range if you need a more experienced barrister and/or the deceased person's estate is more complex. If the deceased person's estate is particularly complex, your fees may also be higher than the estimate below. There are also likely to be additional costs of £5 to obtain a copy of the Grant of Probate or Grant of Letters of Administration, and £1,500 - £3,000 plus VAT if you need an expert report on any aspect of the case. There are court fees payable if you decide to start a claim – further details about court fees can be found at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/fees-in-the-civil-and-family-courts-main-fees-ex50

Stage of case	Range of fixed fees (estimates)
Written advice on making or defending a claim	£2,500 - £3,000 plus VAT

LICENSING APPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO BUSINESS PREMISES

Our barristers can advise you on the following licensing applications for your business:

- The sale or supply of alcohol
- Change of opening hours; and
- Entertainment purposes.

Our barristers can also represent you when your application is heard by the local authority licensing committee, and in any appeal to the Magistrates' Court.

Timescales

Timescales for our services may vary depending on factors such as barristers' availability, the complexity of your application and the need for additional documents. As a guide, written advice on your application will be available within two to four weeks where possible. Hearing dates for local authority licensing committees are set in advance, and our barristers will aim to represent you on your preferred hearing date where possible. If the local authority licensing committee refuses your application, appeals must be made to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days.

Costs

We may charge fixed fees which means that we will charge you a set amount of money for the work. Below we provide estimates based on the averages of fixed fees for barristers at 5 Pump Court Chambers. All fees exclude VAT (where applicable).

Stage of case	Range of fixed fees (estimates)
Written advice on your application	£500 – £750 plus VAT
Preparation, including meetings with you and assistance with drafting of application	£750 - £1,000 plus VAT for a conference £750 - £1,000 plus VAT for drafting documents
Local authority licensing committee hearing	£1,000 - £1,250 plus VAT
Appeal to the Magistrates' Court – initial hearing	£500 - £750 plus VAT
Appeal to the Magistrates' Court – full hearing	£1,000 - £1,500 plus VAT

SUMMARY ONLY MOTORING OFFENCES (ADVICE AND REPRESENTATION FOR DEFENDANTS)

Our barristers can advise and represent you in court if you are charged with a ‘summary only’ motoring offence. This is a motoring offence which can only be heard in the Magistrates’ Court; for example, driving while disqualified, driving without insurance, careless driving, failing to stop or report, and speeding.

Timescales

Timescales for our services may vary depending on factors such as barristers’ availability, the complexity of your case and the need for additional documents. As a guide, written advice on your case will be available within two to four weeks where possible. You may also need representation at short notice. If so, please contact the clerks and our barristers will aim to represent you at the hearing where possible.

Costs

We may charge fixed fees which means that we will charge you a set amount of money for the work. Below we provide estimates based on the ranges of fixed fees for barristers at 5 Pump Court Chambers. All fees exclude VAT (where applicable). If we charge fixed fees, these may vary depending on your needs – for example, your fees may be towards the higher end of the range if you need a more experienced barrister and/or you have a complex case. If you have a particularly complex case, your fees may also be higher than the estimates below. There are also likely to be additional costs of £X, for X.

Stage of case	Range of fixed fees (estimates)
Written advice on your case	
Preparation, including meetings with you and assistance with drafting of court documents	
Guilty pleas	
First appearance (pre-trial court appearance)	
First day of trial	
Court appearances per day after the first day	

WINDING UP PETITIONS

If you are owed £750 or more by a company and are able to prove that the company cannot pay you, you may be able to apply to a court to close or 'wind-up' the company. Our barristers can advise you on the process of issuing a winding-up petition and represent you at the court hearing. If you are company which has had a winding-up petition issued against you, our barristers can also advise you on the process of defending it and represent you at the court hearing.

Timescales

Timescales may vary depending on factors such as barristers' availability, the need for additional documents and court waiting times. However, as a guide the courts tend to have a hearing date eight to ten weeks after a winding-up petition is issued.

Costs

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www.gov.uk/government/publications/fees-in-the-civil-and-family-courts-main-fees-ex50

If you are issuing a winding-up petition, you should also note that even if the company is wound up, you might not get all or any of the money you are owed.

Stage of case	Range of fixed fees (estimates)
Advice on issuing or defending winding up petition	£500 – £750 plus VAT
Assistance with completion of forms and all necessary steps to take	£750 - £1,000 plus VAT for a conference £750 - £1,000 plus VAT for drafting documents
Preparation for and attendance at court hearing	£500 plus VAT