**Level of Fees in Regulatory Cases**

**Publicly funded work**

Fees charged for hearings, conferences and paperwork in matters where we receive instructions as *Attorney General’s civil panel counsel* or for organisations instructing from the *List of Specialist Regulatory Advocates instructed by the Health and Safety Executive, the Environment Agency, Natural Resources Wales, the Office of Rail and Road, the Care Quality Commission and the Office for Nuclear Regulation*, will be calculated by the number of hours engaged at the relevant rate specified by the instructing organisation in accordance with counsel’s standing on the particular panel (i.e. A List, B List, C List).

Fees to be charged for hearings, conferences and paperwork in matters where we receive instructions from publicly funded bodies other than those that are required to instruct from the panels outlined above will be, wherever possible, agreed with you after delivery of brief and prior to the hearing and/or work being undertaken. The most commonly used pricing models used are hourly rate, fixed fee or an agreed brief fee and refreshers, or a combination of the models depending upon the nature of the instruction. Factors typically taken into consideration in providing fee quotations/indications will include:

1. Seniority/expertise of Counsel instructed;
2. Complexity of the case;
3. The seriousness of the allegations;
4. Preparation time;
5. Length of hearing;
6. Any expenses such as hotel or travel.

**Privately funded work**

Fees to be charged for hearings, conferences and paperwork in matters where we receive instructions that are privately funded will be, wherever possible, agreed with you after delivery of brief and prior to the hearing and/or work being undertaken. The most commonly used pricing models will be by an hourly rate, fixed fee or an agreed brief fee and refreshers, or a combination of the models depending upon the nature of the instruction. Factors typically taken into consideration in providing fee quotations/indications will include:

1. Seniority/expertise of Counsel instructed;
2. Complexity of the case;
3. The seriousness of the allegations;
4. Preparation time;
5. Length of hearing;
6. Any expenses such as hotel or travel.

**Public Access**

It may be possible to instruct one of our barristers directly. **(Link?)**

Where possible we will we charge fixed fees, which means that we will charge you a set amount of money for the work to be undertaken. Factors typically taken into consideration in providing fee quotations/indications will include:

1. Seniority/expertise of Counsel instructed;
2. Complexity of the case;
3. The seriousness of the allegations;
4. Preparation time;
5. Length of hearing;
6. Any expenses such as hotel or travel.

No work will be undertaken on your behalf before your agreement to the fees proposed is confirmed by your signing and returning of our client care letter and we are in receipt of funds.

Public Access - Licensing

Public Access accredited barristers may be able to assist you with a range of regulatory matters. One such area is licensing applications for your business: the sale or supply of alcohol, change of opening hours, and entertainment purposes. Fee quotations/indications will be determined by consideration of the factors listed above. The below table sets out the typical key stages of a licensing matter and the likely range of fees payable depending upon the factors listed above.

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| **Stage of Case** | **Ranges of fixed fees (estimates)** |
| Written advice on your application | £450+VAT - £2800+VAT |
| Preparation, including meetings with you and assistance with drafting of application | £600+VAT - £3500+VAT |
| Local authority licensing committee hearing | £750+VAT - £4200+VAT |
| Appeal to the Magistrates’ Court – initial hearing | £300+VAT - £1750+VAT |
| Appeal to the Magistrates’ Court – full hearing (based on hearing length of up to 1 day) | £1200+VAT - £7000+VAT |
| Court appearances per day, after the first day of the final hearing | £750+VAT - £3500+VAT |
| Hourly Rate indicative range for ad hoc work falling outside of the above | £150 + VAT - £350 + VAT |

Public Access – Licensing – 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 14 to 28 days 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.

All information is correct as of 10/01/2020, **but fees are estimates only**. For a quotation, please contact the clerks on 0121 246 7005 or email on regulatory@st-philips.com