

## Level of Fees in Criminal Cases

### Publicly Funded Work

In respect of prosecution case's we adhere to the fee structure and provisions that are set down by the Crown Prosecution Service, CPS Central Fraud Group and the CPS Complex Casework Unit.

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/publication/graduated-fee-scheme-d-manual-guidance>

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/publication/very-high-cost-cases>

- And or any other prosecuting agencies that have set fees dictated by the government at the time.

In respect of defence Legally Funded case's we adhere to the provisions set out by the ( LAA ) Legal Aid Agency.- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-criminal-legal-work-under-graduated-fee-schemes>

### Privately funded work ( including private prosecutions )

In respect of privately funded criminal cases the clerks will agree fees with you after delivery of the brief/papers and prior to the hearing, conference or advisory work and will be based on the following criteria:

- i. Seniority/expertise of Instructed Counsel
- ii. Complexity of the case
- iii. Seriousness of the charge
- iv. Preparation times
- v. Length of hearing, including any conference's that maybe required either prior to or on the day of the hearing
- vi. Any expenses such as hotel or travel and subsistence

### Public Access

Our Public Access team can advise and or represent you in a range of matters in either in the Magistrates, Crown Courts & or the Court of Appeal.

Each instruction will be viewed on its own merits and would be subject to the Barrister accepting the case.

- Please be aware that if you are in receipt of Legal Aid then you are not able to instruct a Barrister on a Public Access Basis unless you revoke your representation order.

### Public Access Fees

Our barristers charge fixed fees for Public Access Clients. This means that we will charge you a set amount of money for the work required prior to the barrister undertaking any work on your case. All agreed professional fees must be paid in advance of any work taking place.

When negotiating fees for Public Access matters again, the following criteria will be considered;

- i. Seniority/expertise of Instructed Counsel
- ii. Complexity of the case
- iii. Seriousness of the charge
- iv. Preparation times
- v. Length of hearing, including any conference's that maybe required either prior to or on the day of the hearing
- vi. Any expenses such as hotel or travel and subsistence

### **Public Access Fees for Motoring offences ( Summary Only )**

Our barristers can advise and represent you in court if you are charged with a 'summary only' motor 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.

### **Fees**

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 St Philip's Chambers. All fee include 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 require a more experienced barrister and/or you have a complex case. If you have a particular complex case, your fees may also be higher than the estimates below.

<b>Stage of case</b>	<b>Ranges of fixed fees ( estimates )</b>
<b>Written advice on your case</b>	<b>£200 - £2000</b>
<b>Preparation of case, including meetings with you and assistance with drafting court documents</b>	<b>£500 - £10.000</b>
<b>Guilty Plea</b>	<b>£500 - £5000</b>
<b>First appearance ( pre-trial court appearance )</b>	<b>£350 - £2500</b>
<b>First day of trial</b>	<b>£750 -£5000</b>
<b>Court appearances per day, after the first day of trial</b>	<b>£500 - £3000</b>

### **Timescales**

Timescales for our services may vary depending on factors such as barrister' 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 a member of the clerking team and we will aim to assist you where possible.

All information is correct as of 10/01/2020, but fees are estimates only. For a quotation, please contact the clerks on 0121 246 7000 or email on [crime@st-philips.com](mailto:crime@st-philips.com).

