



# Criminal Defence Fee Guide

With legal aid funding only available for certain categories of offences and subject to means testing, we have designed a set of fixed fees to help make representation more affordable at a time when you need it most.

The fees outlined below give you an indication of the typical fees we charge. When you get in touch and we understand what is involved in your case, we will be able to provide you with a personalised detailed quote.

## Police Station services

All arrested persons are eligible to get free legal advice and in most cases representation at the Police Station. Call us on our 24 Hour number **01530 814166** or ask for us by name at the Police Station and a Solicitor will attend no matter what time of the day or night. If you are on bail and require advice or representations to be made, you may be eligible for legal aid.

If you are not eligible we require an **upfront cover charge of £80 + VAT** to cover up to 4 pieces of work including emails, calls and letters and advising further.

## Fixed Price Expert Advice

If you've got questions or concerns about how the law applies to your situation or problem – this service can help you with one-to-one friendly advice and guidance. Perhaps you want some advice but don't want to actually instruct a solicitor to take on the case, at least not yet.

This is your chance to have a 30-minute meeting with one of our Criminal Defence Solicitors accessing their knowledge and experience, on a one-off basis, without all the usual expenses which tend to be associated with using a law firm.

For **just £99 + vat**, we offer our Fixed Price Expert Advice service, designed to give you peace of mind through expert legal advice at an affordable price, to help you decide on the best way forward for you.

## Magistrates Court

### Guilty Pleas

If you intend to plead guilty and the case can be resolved at one hearing the fee is **£350 + VAT with a £175 + VAT supplement for a second hearing where necessary.**

This includes a meeting before the hearing and all correspondence required.

Please note if the case is outside of Leicestershire a travel surcharge may also apply.

### Not Guilty Pleas

We offer fixed fees for Magistrates Trials starting at **£800 + VAT for a half day trial.**

Our fee for a **full day trial starts at £1,200 + VAT.**

Our fees for trials will vary depending on the amount of work and expertise required to conduct the case. Please contact our team for more details.

## Crown Court

Legal aid remains almost universally available at the Crown Court subject to a financial contribution made payable to the Legal Aid Agency depending on your means. Those with free disposable income in excess of £37,500 are no longer able to obtain legal aid for Crown Court cases.

If you wish to instruct us to act on your behalf on a private basis we will be happy to discuss costs with you having had the opportunity to review all the papers. Please contact our team for more details