

There are rules relating to pricing in respect of certain areas of service provision. In relation to the work undertaken by Tates that means Summary Motoring offences which can only be dealt with in the Magistrates Court, and include speeding, drink driving, drug driving, driving whilst disqualified, driving without due care and attention and other traffic offences.

At Tates we have extensive experience in relation to motoring offences. Our team of 4 fully qualified solicitors have extensive experience with motoring offences and criminal law work in general.

You may be eligible for legal aid for some summary motoring offences depending on your means and the seriousness of the case. We will always advise on your eligibility for legal aid before discussing any private fee-paying costs.

### **Our People:**

Nick Hammond - Partner, Criminal Solicitor and Higher Court Advocate, admitted in 1997.

Michael Miller - Partner, Criminal Solicitor and Higher Court Advocate, admitted in 2000.

Stephen Smithson - Consultant, Criminal Solicitor and Higher Court Advocate, admitted in 1982.

Ashlee Cuffe - Criminal Solicitor, admitted in 2018.

Regardless of who works on your matter, they will be supervised by Nick Hammond, Partner.

We are able to offer fixed fees for guilty plea cases and not guilty plea cases. See below for example.

Our office is situated in Central Leeds but we can represent you at any Court throughout Yorkshire. We can agree a fixed fee for preparing and representing you at court but for Court attendance other than Leeds, we charge an additional hourly rate of **£100 per hour (inclusive of VAT)** for travel to the other location.

In addition, there may be disbursements as detailed below.

The fees quoted below exclude Value Added Tax.

Our fee for a guilty plea, for example, drink driving

### **1) You pleading guilty and case dealt with at first hearing £500 inclusive of VAT**

This will include the following:

Considering evidence

Providing advice in relation to plea and likely sentence

Advice on the options available to the court in relation to sentencing if not immediately apparent

Where appropriate, advice on whether an exceptional hardship, or special reasons argument not to disqualify should be made

Attendance and representation at a single hearing at the Magistrates Court

Please note the above is detailed on the presumption that you have entered a guilty plea or will plead guilty at your Court hearing. This is on the proviso that we will be at Court for no more than

half a day.

**What this fee includes:**

Meeting with your solicitor to provide instructions on what happened.

We will consider initial disclosure, and any other evidence and provide advice.

Arranging to take any witness statements if necessary (this will have an additional cost to be agreed and would be unusual on a guilty plea case)

We will explain the court procedure to you so you know what to expect on the day of your hearing, and the sentencing options available to the court.

We will conduct any further preparatory work, obtain further instructions from you if necessary and answer any follow up queries you have.

We don't control the time at which your hearing will take place, as this depends on the court listing for that day.

We will attend court on the day with you before going into court.

We will discuss the outcome with you. If advice is required on appeal, this will carry an additional cost.

**This fee does not include:**

Disbursement costs (mileage at 45p per mile, parking, train fares, taxis etc)

Instruction of any expert witnesses or medical reports

Taking statements from any witnesses

Advice or assistance in relation to any appeal

2) If you plead guilty at the first hearing and the case is adjourned for sentence this will attract a further fixed fee of **£300 (inclusive of VAT)** in addition to 1 above.

3) We are happy to discuss a fixed fee for a denied offence in which you intend to plead not guilty.

Please feel free to contact us during office hours to discuss fixed fees for summary motoring offences.

Our telephone number is: 0113 242 2290

Alternatively please email [info@tates-solicitors.co.uk](mailto:info@tates-solicitors.co.uk) or you can make contact via this website.