

ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENCES – FEE GUIDANCE

Offence	Guilty Plea	Trial (not guilty plea)
Speeding	£300 + VAT (£360)	Hourly rate for preparation £130 - £150 per hour + VAT. Court attendance for trial: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • half day £500 + VAT • full day £750 + VAT
Speeding with possible disqualification	£500 + VAT (£600)	
Special Reasons	£500 + VAT (£600)	
OPL/drug driving	£300 + VAT (£360)	
Totting /exceeding 12 penalty points	£800 + VAT (£960)	
Careless driving	£300 + VAT (£360)	
No insurance	£300 + VAT (£360)	
Fail stop/fail report	£300 + VAT (£360)	
Application for early removal of disqualification	£700 + VAT (£840)	
Mobile phone usage whilst driving	£300 + VAT (£360)	

Fees for guilty pleas, special reasons and exceptional hardship in the magistrates' court include:-

- consideration of the evidence
- advice in relation to plea and likely sentence
- attendance and representation at a single hearing before the magistrates' court
- advice on appeal against sentence

Fees for trial preparation will be charged at an hourly rate between £130 - £150 + VAT depending upon the seniority of the solicitor dealing with the case.

Preparation for trial will include:-

- considering the evidence
- taking instructions

- advice on the strength of the evidence
- seeing witnesses if necessary
- instructing experts if necessary
- advice on sentence in the event of conviction
- advice on appeal against conviction and/or sentence
- keeping you up to date in writing of the progress of your case

Fees for representing you on the day of your trial will be £500 + VAT for half a day (up to 3 hours) and £750 + VAT for a full day

For courts other than Leeds Magistrates', travel time will be charged at a rate of £75 per hour + VAT. For all cases outside Leeds disbursements such as mileage and parking will be charged in addition to preparation and hearing time. Mileage will be charged at the rate of 45p per mile from our office to the court.

Appeal to the Crown Court

Fees for preparation for an appeal against conviction or sentence are charged at an hourly rate:-

- Consideration of the papers
- taking instructions
- advice on strength of the evidence
- advice on likely outcome
- seeing witnesses if necessary
- instructing experts if necessary

The appeal hearing will be conducted by one of our higher rights solicitors who appear before the Crown Court on a daily basis dispensing with the need to instruct a barrister. By using the expertise of our own advocates it will keep the overall costs of the case down providing value for money for our clients.

Our fees for representing you at the Crown Court will be £600 + VAT for half a day (up to 3 hours) and £1000 + VAT for a full day.

We will require our fees to be paid in advance before any hearing in either the magistrates' or the Crown Court.