



Blake Morgan

Motoring Offences Fees Guide

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## MOTORING OFFENCES

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### HOURLY RATES

Our hourly rates are:

- Partners £275.00 an hour (+20% VAT)
- Associates and Senior Associates (and lawyers with over 4 years post qualification experience) £225.00 an hour (+20% VAT)
- Solicitors (and lawyers with up to 4 years post qualification experience) £145.00 an hour (+20% VAT)
- Trainees and Paralegals £110.00 an hour (+20% VAT)

### NOT GUILTY PLEA – HOURLY RATES

**We estimate the average matter to take between 10 and 12 hours where a summary only offence proceeds to a contested trial.**

The time includes:

- Considering evidence during the course of an initial conference
- Providing advice in relation to plea and likely sentence
- Where we cannot anticipate the likely sentence, advice on the options available to the court in relation to sentencing;
- Representation at the initial court hearing;
- Then, following that hearing, reviewing totality of prosecution evidence and initial disclosure;
- Drafting a defence statement;
- Taking witness statements to be relied upon by the defence;
- Correspondence with the court and prosecutor.

#### Additional Costs

- Drafting 'non routine' applications for example in relation to hearsay being admitted or 'special measures' for witnesses giving evidence at the trial
- Instruction of any expert witnesses
- Meetings with Counsel where Counsel is instructed
- Counsel's fees for appearing at trial

- Advising on an appeal.

### **GUILTY PLEA - FIXED FEE**

Speeding, No Insurance, Failing to supply information, Drink driving or related offences:

Fixed fee £1500.00 plus VAT

Fee includes:

- Appropriate hours attendance/preparation:
  - considering evidence
  - taking your instructions
  - providing advice on likely sentence
  - reviewing further material obtained by you to be relied upon at the hearing
- Travel to and from court
- Attendance and representation at a single hearing at the Magistrates Court

The fee does not include:

- instruction of any expert witness
- advice or assistance in relation to any appeal
- time spent travelling to a court more than 1 hour from the Southampton office of the firm.

### **Key Stages**

The key stages of your matter are based on the presumption that you have been charged with or summonsed for an offence and have a date for your hearing.

1. Meet with your solicitor to provide instructions on what happened.
2. We will consider Initial Details of Prosecution Case and any disclosure received, and any other evidence and provide advice.
3. 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.
4. We will conduct any further preparatory work, obtain further instructions from you if necessary and answer any follow up queries you have.
5. We cannot provide a timescale of when exactly your hearing will take place on the day because this depends on the court listing for that day.

6. We will attend court on the day and meet with you before going before the court. We anticipate being at court for between two and three hours.
7. We will discuss the outcome with you. If advice is required on appeal, this will carry an additional cost.

Please click on the links below for details of the team:

[Tim Williamson](#)

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