Private Client Fee Guide

Wills

A minimum fee of £350 plus VAT, this could be the cost of a basic or advice. This fee will be payable in advance before the appointment. Fee advice will be given following the appointment when the full extent of the client's instructions become known.

As a guideline, a straightforward mirror Will for a married couple would be £450 plus VAT.

More complex Wills will be charged based on the fee earners hourly rate.

When making appointment we will need all the information for the UIS in order that we can open the matter and charge the £300 plus VAT fee prior to the appointment.

Lasting Powers of Attorney

Single LPOA £500 plus VAT.

A single person making both a Property and Finance and Health and Welfare LPOAs £650 plus VAT.

A couple each making one type of LPOA £650 plus VAT.

A couple making both Property and Finance and Health and Welfare LPOAs £800 plus VAT.

Please note and additional fee of £92 per LPOA is payable to the OPG.

Probate

Grant only – Matters were we act on information provided by the client and we do not deal with any other aspect of the Estate - £1,100 plus VAT. If it becomes necessary to use a IHT 400 and additional £600 plus VAT.

Administration of Estates – Dependant on size and complexity. Fee earner will give an estimate based on assessment following initial appointment.

Probate application court fee - £526.00

Bankruptcy search £2 plus VAT

Court of Protection – Deputy Applications

Application to appoint Deputy Property and Finances - £1,240 plus VAT (fee fixed by court).

Court of Protection court fee £432.

Hearing fee £494 (not normally required in straightforward applications).

Doctor's fee to undertake Assessment of Capacity – TBC.

Advice

Advising clients in relation to issues which do not fall into any of the above. Whilst this could potentially be any issue relating to Private Client work typical issues include the following:

1. Residential Care Fees.
2. Gifting a client home or other assets.
3. Inheritance Tax.
4. Trusts.

Normally for these matters we would provide advice in an appointment and if appropriate confirm the advice in writing following the appointment. Fee £300 plus VAT. For these appointments the fee should be paid on account before the appointment.

If any further work is required following the appointment the fee earner will give an estimate dependant on the instructions.