

## **Road Traffic offences**

Our likely fees set out below relate only to offences being dealt with in the Magistrates Court at a single hearing such as driving without due care and attention, speeding or excess alcohol. If the matter is adjourned over to a second hearing the charges outlined below will not apply.

The details below do not cover indictable offences or those triable either way. These will include serious motoring offences such as causing death by dangerous driving.

### **Our fees and the disbursements for this work**

#### **Our Fees**

Our fees for Summary offences dealt with on a first appearance in the Magistrates' Court range from £1,000.00 plus VAT and disbursements.

This structure is for hearings which are finalised on the first hearing date. If the case is held over to another day the cost will increase..

This covers:

- Taking initial instructions on the circumstances of the offence
- Obtaining and reading the prosecution's evidence
- Advice on the law and plea to be entered
- Obtaining expert evidence if appropriate, e.g. analysis report on excess alcohol
- Liaising with the prosecution and raising relevant enquiries
- Preparing mitigation
- Attending court: Entering plea and finalised on date of first hearing.

A second hearing takes us outside the above fee structure for which we will provide separate details of our charges and which will be based on our hourly rates which range from £200 to £375 plus VAT depending on the person who deals with the matter and the complexities involved.

In addition to our fees there may be certain disbursements.

#### **Disbursements**

The likely disbursements, or expenses, will be counsel's fee to attend the first hearing of around £200 plus VAT and in some cases expert's fees for the analysis of alcohol (the cost of which would need to be ascertained upon instruction).

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