

## **MAGISTRATES MOTORING OFFENCES**

Brighthouse Wolff provide representation in the Magistrates Court in relation to motoring offences for which you may have been charged or summonsed to appear at Court.

### **The Team**

Head of Department – Mr. Michael Hagerty, Partner, is a Higher Court Advocate (dealing with serious matters) a Duty Solicitor and a Supervisor. He has been qualified since 1990.

Mr. Michael Flynn, Partner. He is a Solicitor Advocate (as above) a Duty Solicitor and a supervisor . He has been qualified since 1994.

Mr. David Lloyd, Consultant, is a Duty Solicitor with a wealth of experience having qualified in 1969!

The team therefore offer years of experience in dealing with all matters of criminal law including motoring offences.

### **Motoring offences – Fixed fee.**

We are required to provide price information for assistance in relation to summary only motoring offences under Part 1 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Section 89 of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984.

The above fee earners work on an hourly rate basis of £203 per hour and it would not be estimated that your case would take longer than 3 hours. If it does we would advise you in respect of additional costs.

Drink or drug driving offence, failing to provide a specimen – Guilty plea, fixed fee £500 plus VAT at 20% which would include:-

- 2 hours attendance/Preparation
- Considering evidence by obtaining initial details of prosecution case
- Taking your instructions
- Providing advice on likely sentence
- Attendance and representation at a single hearing at the Magistrates Court

The fee does not include:-

- Instruction of any expert witnesses
- Taking statements from any witnesses
- Advice and assistance in relation to a special reasons hearing
- Advice or assistance in relation to any appeal.

The key stages of your matter are based on the presumption that you have entered a guilty plea and have a date for your hearing.

Should your matter require an adjournment for a trial following a not guilty plea then the fee for representation on a trial is likely to be in the region of £1000 plus VAT at 20% which, would include:-

- Obtaining initial disclosure and any other evidence and providing advice.
- Arranging to take any witness statements if necessary.
- Explanation of the Court procedure so that you know what to expect on the day of your hearing, sentencing options available to the Court in the event of the Court finding against you.
- We will conduct any further preparatory work, obtain further instructions from you if necessary and answer any follow up queries.

The fee does not include

- Instruction of any expert witness.

We could not provide any time scale of when your hearing will take place as this depends on the Court listing for the day.

We will attend Court on the day and meet with you before going into Court. We cannot anticipate the length of time that you will be at Court as Court hearings depend on the individuals who attend on the date and other Court business.

We will discuss the outcome with you in the event that the matter is found against you and if a positive advice is required on appeal this will carry an additional cost for preparation of same and attendance on an appeal.