

## Road Traffic Offences

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### Road Traffic offence, summary only<sup>i</sup>

#### Guilty Plea

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#### Our Fees

Fixed Fee: £600 + £120 VAT = £720 plus disbursements such as mileage and parking costs.

#### What is included?

- Attendance and/or preparation;
- Considering evidence;
- Taking your instructions;
- Providing advice on likely sentence;
- Attendance and representation at a single hearing at the Magistrates Court.

#### What is not included?

- Instruction of any expert witnesses;
- Taking statements from any witnesses;
- Advice and assistance in relation to a Special Reasons<sup>ii</sup> hearing;
- Advice or assistance in relation to any appeal.

#### Key stages involved

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. They typically include:

- Meet with you to provide instructions on what happened;
- Consider initial disclosure, and any other evidence and provide advice;
- Arranging to take any witness statements, if necessary (this will have an additional cost, of up to £255 per hour plus VAT @ 20%);
- 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;
- Conduct any further preparatory work, obtain further instructions from you, if necessary, and answer any follow up queries you have;
- Attend court on the day, meet with you before going before the court. We anticipate being at court for [e.g. half a day].
- Discuss the outcome with you. If advice is required on appeal, this will carry an additional cost.

Please note we cannot provide a timescale of when your hearing will take place as this depends on the court listing for that day.

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## Road Traffic offence, summary only Trial

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### Our Fees

Follow example as above. Can be fixed fee or hourly rates.

Fixed Fee: £2,000 + £400 VAT = £2,400 plus disbursements such as mileage and parking costs.

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<sup>i</sup> A summary only offence is an offence which can only be tried in the magistrates' court. There are exceptions. Under the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (CJA 1988) offences specified in the Act can be tried on indictment by a jury if they are linked to an offence triable only in the Crown Court. The principal summary only offences are:

- driving whilst disqualified
- careless and inconsiderate driving
- failing to give information as to the identity of the driver
- failing to stop or report, and
- speeding.

<sup>ii</sup> Special Reasons pertain exclusively to situations where the accused has been found or has pled guilty and now faces disqualification unless he/she can persuade the Court that the circumstances of the offence are such that it would be unjust to impose a ban.