

Charging policy

Much of the work undertaken by Julie Burton Law is via **legal aid**. Eligibility for legal aid is considered in all relevant cases. Legal aid is available (for those who qualify for it) for mental health cases, community care cases and mental capacity welfare/DOLS cases.

Not all the work that we do however is covered by legal aid. Where we undertake private fee paying work this is charged based on time spent on the following basis:

Private Client rates

From 1 April 2018

VAT will be added to all bills at the standard rate (20%)

The rates below are for guidance only. Specific rates will be discussed and agreed and written confirmation will be given.

Private Client fees (time cost) (VAT to be added to all bills at standard rate- currently 20%)

Attendance and Preparation (time spent)	£200 per hour
Attendance with Counsel	£100 per hour
Travel (time spent)	£50 per hour
Outgoing letters/emails	£20 each
Incoming letters/emails	£10 each
Un-timed telephone calls	£20 each
Travel	45 pence per mile
Training (design and delivery)	£1,300 per day
Disbursements	As incurred

VAT added at 20%

Private Client fixed charges (VAT to be added to all prices at standard rate, 20%)

Change of name deed	£100
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WILLS

Simple will	£175
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but if instructions change or we have to travel to see client we reserve the right to charge more to reflect additional time spent

Mirror simple wills £250

subject to same proviso as above

Will Trust £300

– same proviso

Mirror will trusts £350

– same proviso

LPAs

One LPA (including registration) £600 plus VAT and disbursements (reg. fee £82 per LPA)

Both LPAs (including registration) £800 plus VAT and disbursements (reg. fee £82 per LPA)

LPAs for couples (one each) £800 plus VAT and disbursements (reg. fee £82 per LPA)

LPAs for couples doing both (4 in total) £1000 plus VAT and disbursements (reg. fee £82 per LPA)

Depending on your income you **may** qualify for an exemption or a reduction in the registration fee, however, no reduction is available in relation to our costs unless otherwise agreed

DEPUTYSHIP

Property and Financial Affairs Deputyship £850 plus VAT and Court fee (£385) and insurance costs and PGO registration fee

Health and Welfare Deputyship £1,500-£2,000 plus VAT and Court fee of £385

Advance Directives £500 plus VAT

NB PLEASE NOTE - VAT will be added to all bills at the standard rate (20%)

Specific services

Probate

So far as Probate work is concerned we operate on a time costs basis as indicated above, £200 per hour, PLUS VAT, but by way of example we set out below estimated costs:

Applying for the grant, collecting and distributing the assets

We anticipate this will take between 15 and 50 hours work at £200 per hour. Total costs estimated at £3,000-£10,000 (+VAT).

The exact cost will depend on the individual circumstances of the matter. For example, if there is one beneficiary and no property, costs will be at the lower end of the range. If there are multiple beneficiaries, a property and multiple bank accounts, costs will be at the higher end.

We will handle the full process for you. This quote is for estates where:

- There is a valid will
- There is no more than one property
- There are no more than 2 bank or building society accounts
- There are no other intangible assets
- There are no more than 4 beneficiaries
- There are no disputes between beneficiaries on division of assets. If disputes arise this is likely to lead to an increase in costs
- There is no inheritance tax payable and the executors do not need to submit a full account to HMRC
- There are no claims made against the estate

Disbursements are payable in addition including:

- Probate application fee of £215
- £5-£7 Swearing of the oath (per executor)
- Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department searches (£2 per beneficiary)
- £150 (this may vary slightly) Post in The London Gazette – Protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditors.
- £150 Post in a Local Newspaper (this may vary slightly) – This also helps to protect against unexpected claims.

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as court fees. We handle the payment of the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process.

Potential additional costs

- If there is no will or the estate consists of any share holdings (stocks and bonds) there is likely to be additional costs that could range significantly depending on the estate and how it is to be dealt with. We can give you a more accurate quote once we have more information.
- If any additional copies of the grant are required, they will cost 50 pence each (1 per asset usually).
- Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property in the estate is not included.

How long will this take?

On average, estates that fall within this range are dealt with within 6-18 months. Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes 3-6 months. Collecting assets then follows, which can take between 3-9 months. If there is a property/properties to sell this process can of course take longer (for example if there is no interest in the property). Once this has been done, we can distribute the assets, which normally takes 2-6 weeks.

We do NOT levy an additional charge in relation to the gross value of the remainder of the estate

Conveyancing

In relation to Conveyancing this firm only acts in relation to the sale of houses when we are advising on relation to probate. In such limited case we operate on a fixed fee basis as follows:

£450 (plus VAT at standard rate 20%)

If work has been undertaken on the file and the sale falls through then we reserve the right to make a charge reflective of the work undertaken.

All our prices are subject to an additional charge relating to VAT at the applicable rate (currently 20%).