

Transparency in Price and Service

Pricing for Summary Only – Road Traffic Offences Based on a Guilty Plea

All prices attract VAT at the current rate of 20%, in addition to our fees and disbursements where applicable. Our fees are reviewed annually on 1 April.

Hourly Charging Rates:

Solicitor	Hourly Rate (Excl. VAT)	VAT (20%)	Hourly Rate (Incl. VAT)
Jonothan Moss	£399.00	£79.80	£478.80
Rubin Italia	£350.00	£70.00	£420.00
Olivia Duncan	£263.00	£52.60	£315.60

Every case is unique, and the information provided is based on an "average" case. This information assumes a guilty plea at the first hearing where the matter is concluded. For an average case, the work required to reach the end of the first hearing in the Magistrates Court typically ranges around six hours, though this can vary. The costs below are also based on the Magistrates Court being in relatively close proximity to our offices in Gerrards Cross.

To demonstrate likely costs, please refer to the detailed table below.

Average Case Costs (6 hours of work):

Solicitor	Costs (Excl. VAT)	VAT (20%)	Costs (Incl. VAT)
Jonothan Moss	£2,394.00	£478.80	£2,872.80
Rubin Italia	£2,100.00	£420.00	£2,520.00
Olivia Duncan	£1,578.00	£315.60	£1,893.60

Range of Costs (4 to 8 hours of work):

Solicitor	Costs (Excl. VAT)	VAT (20%)	Costs (Incl. VAT)
Jonothan Moss	£1,596.00 - £3,192.00	£319.20 - £638.40	£1,915.20 - £3,830.40
Rubin Italia	£1,400.00 - £2,800.00	£280.00 - £560.00	£1,680.00 - £3,360.00
Olivia Duncan	£1,052.00 - £2,104.00	£210.40 - £420.80	£1,262.40 - £2,524.80

The work required to reach the end of the initial hearing will include:

- Obtaining the prosecution evidence from the Crown Prosecution Service via secure email
- Considering that evidence
- Providing advice in relation to the evidence, appropriate plea, and likely sentence
- Advising where appropriate on any exceptional hardship argument, special reasons, and defences that may be available
- Representation at a single hearing

The work would not include:

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

We would, of course, attend Court on your initial hearing date and meet with you at Court itself, having advised you in the office on an earlier occasion, where appropriate. At the end of the initial hearing, we will discuss the outcome with you. If advice is required on appeal, this will carry an additional cost.

In addition, should your case not conclude at the first hearing for any other reasons (e.g., case adjourned for pre-sentence reports or adjourned for another hearing in relation to the same matter), we will provide you with a further cost estimate in relation to the work required to conclude your case.

Timescales

The typical timescales for a summary only driving offence from the point of summons/charge to conclusion, where there is an anticipated early guilty plea, will normally take place within three to six months.

However, for the timescales for each key stage is as follows:

- The Notice of intended prosecution (NIP) must be served upon the registered keeper of a vehicle within 14 days of the incident unless you were stopped at the time;
- You must return the NIP within 28 days as failure to do so can amount to an offence;
- From the date of the incident for a summary only offence, the Police must lay the information before the Court within six months;
- Once the information is laid, a Single Justice Procedure Notice must be responded to within 21 days;

The final timescale to reach the end of the initial hearing in the Magistrates Court will also be impacted by the efficiency of the Crown Prosecution Service, the listing pattern of the Court, and waiting time at Court, which are factors outside of our control.

Contested Summary Only Driving Offence Hearings

If you are facing a contested summary only driving offence hearing, we are here to guide you through the process with expertise and clarity.

Whilst every case is unique, and the information provided is based on an "average" case. This information assumes a not guilty plea and these cases typically involve two hearings: an initial plea hearing and a trial.

For an average case, the work required to reach the end of the initial hearing in the Magistrates Court typically ranges around 4 to 10 hours, though this can vary. The costs range below are also based on the Magistrates Court being in relatively close proximity to our offices in Gerrards Cross.

Our comprehensive fees include:

- An initial consultation
- Examination of the prosecution's evidence
- Representation at the Magistrates Court for the first appearance or submitting a written plea
- Gathering your written instructions and feedback on the prosecution's evidence
- Preparation of up to one witness statement
- Drafting a defence statement, if necessary
- Reviewing the prosecution's unused materials
- Representation during the trial

Please note, our fees do not cover:

- Travel expenses beyond the proximity of our Gerrards Cross office
- Expert fees for preparing plans, photographs, or alcohol back-tracking calculations
- Representation at any appeal

Cost Range:

Contested Hearing / Not Guilty plea – Our average fees apply:	Cost Range (Excl. VAT)*	VAT (20%)	Costs (Incl. VAT)
Drink or drug driving, drunk in charge or driving whilst unfit (alcohol/drugs), Careless Driving (Driving without due care and attention)	£2,000 - 7,000	£400-£1,400	£2,400 - £8,400
Speeding (where disqualification due to “totting up” is not an issue)	£1,000-4,000	£200 - £800	£1,200 - £4,800
Failing to Notify Driver’s Details (where there is no risk of “totting up”)	£1,500-4,000	£300 - £800	£1,800 – £4,800
* Our cost range is based on our hourly rates which are set out under “ Hourly Charging Rates ” above for representation by Olivia Duncan or an equivalent qualified solicitor.			

We are committed to providing clear, transparent, and thorough representation to help you navigate your case. For further details or any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Timescales

For cases where you enter a not guilty plea, the timescales involved will be impacted by the complexities of your case, the efficiency of the Crown Prosecution Service, and the listing pattern of the Court. However, it is generally hoped that a case of this nature will be concluded within six months to 12 months. We endeavour to provide more accurate information once a trial date is set.

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