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I was admitted as a Notary Public in 2010 after completing the Postgraduate Diploma course in NOTARIAL PRACTICE at University of Cambridge and was admitted as a solicitor in 1992.

Probate fees

If you are the executor (appointed under a person's will) or administrator (when a person died without a will) of an estate you might want to consider legal representation but are wondering about the fees and costs. Here we give you an overview of the services included and their respective costs. If you have any further questions contact us.

What services am I charged for?

Each case is unique and we'll advise you in our initial consultation what level of support is required. When we are instructed to assist, we can offer the following services:

- Obtaining initial instructions, reviewing papers and providing advice at the outset
- Preparing legal documents and grant applications to obtain a Grant of Probate or Grant of Letter of Administration
- Carry out the estate administration as a whole (contacting third parties, collecting in assets, paying any estate liabilities and distributing the estate as per the deceased's Will or as per the rules of intestacy if no Will is available)

How much does it cost?

Based on your individual circumstances we'll advise you on the best option for you.

The application to the court will include mainly the work of preparing the oath form and completing the HMRC inheritance tax return form.

Where there is no inheritance tax to pay we will complete the HMRC form IHT 205. Our cost will be £1,000 plus VAT. Where there is inheritance tax to pay we will complete the HMRC form IHT400. It is a longer form. There are also other IHT supplementary forms to go with it. Our cost will start from £1,500 plus VAT. However, if the application involves more complex issues, an uplift on our fee will be charged. This will be agreed with you in advance.

Administration of estate will include the work of winding up the estate and pay out to the beneficiaries.

Our fees for the administration of an estate are based on the gross value of the estate, typically, 0.5% of the value of the residence and 1% of the rest of the remaining gross value of estate. You will be informed of any increase to our estimated fees prior to us carrying out any further work.

VAT is charged at 20% at present.

Nowadays some clients may prefer to undertake either the work of the application or the administration and ask us to carry out the other. We may undertake either part or both according to your instructions.

Disbursements

There are disbursements which include:

- Probate court fee £155;
- Extra copy £2;
- Land Registry fees;
- Other disbursements may include travelling, copying, postage and etc.

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On average the turnaround time at the court is about three – four weeks at present.

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Each case is individual and can differ in the time it takes to settle.

Can I pay legal fees from the estate?

Yes, if you are the administrator or executor of a loved one, you can opt for legal representation and the professional fees are paid from the estate. However we will require a payment on account of £600 - £1,200 to meet the initial cost and disbursements. This will be treated as a loan from the executor or administrator and will be paid back when administration of estate is complete.

Re-sealing of Grant of Probate or Letter of Administration issued in other countries

If your loved one died domiciled abroad but left assets here, we will be able to submit an application to the court to re-seal the foreign Grant of Probate or Letter of Administration. The HMRC IHT forms are still required. We can also wind up the estate using the re-sealed document. Our cost will be £250 per hour for this work. You will be given an estimate of the fees in the beginning and an update if the estate fee is likely to exceed. There will be disbursements similar to the above.

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