



Motoring Offences
Representation and Fees Information

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Committed to effective legal solutions for you

“At Hutton’s our aim is deliver a service that provides you with the confidence and reassurance you need so that you can focus on enjoying life, or building and running your business.

Success comes from hard work and having a team of people who are on hand to give you the support you need. We work in partnership with our clients and take a proactive approach to managing our relationship. We strive to ensure that you can leave any problems behind with us and we’ll resolve them for you. We want clients to feel valued; this charter is at heart of what we do”.

Stuart Hutton (Founding Partner)

Hutton’s has one of the oldest and most respected criminal law departments in South Wales. Our team are both solicitors and Higher Rights Advocates which means that you can be assured of the best care and continuity throughout your matter. Our department has been amongst the top ranked firms in South Wales for over 25 years and has an enviable success rate.

Below is a guideline of our fees but should you wish to discuss the same then please do not hesitate to contact [Sarah Grace](#) with any queries.

Motoring Offences Hutton’s Fee Schedule – July 2021

Type of case	Fixed Fee (plus VAT)	Hourly rates
Guilty Plea - Single Justice Procedure	£350	£150 - £220 per hour
Guilty Plea in the Magistrates’ Court	£600	£150 - £220 per hour
Trial in the Magistrates Court	£2,000	£150 - £220 per hour
Appeal Sentence to Crown Court *	£750	£150 - £220 per hour
Appeal Conviction to Crown Court*	£2500	£150 - £220 per hour
Guilty Plea in the Crown Court*	£2,000	£150 - £220 per hour

*Charges where the matter is to be tried in the Crown Court are usually subject to means tested Legal Aid where you may only have to pay a contribution towards your Defence costs. We will assess your eligibility and conduct the matter under legal aid in the event that you are eligible.

Please note that in some instances owing to the facts of the case or the option of Legal Aid being available we may not be able to offer a fixed fee option to you. At all times we will ensure that you are fully advised about any costs to be incurred so that you can make an informed decision about how you wish to proceed.

What is Covered by our Fees?

Each instruction is different; however, we adopt a methodical and logical analysis of every matter so that we can assess the risks and advise you on your best course of action. In general, the following will be covered depending upon the type of case you have, where it is will be heard and how you wish to plead:

- obtaining and considering the prosecution evidence
- considering your evidence
- providing advice in relation to any plea and likely sentence on the facts as they are
- advising on whether which procedure is appropriate (where possible)
- taking your instructions on mitigation or facts so as to ensure that the most effective response can be put before the court.
- advising you on the outcome of any sanction and what in our professional view the prospects of any appeal will be.

***Please note that owing to the nature of some types of cases we may recommend the use of a barrister; as such we will discuss who will represent you at any hearing during the course of our instructions. In the event that there is any additional charge then this will also be discussed with you accordingly.**

Additional Hearings

In some instances, it is not possible for a case to be concluded at the first hearing. Where that is the case, we reserve the right to charge an additional fee for any additional hearing. Any additional fee will be discussed with you accordingly.

Travel and Disbursements

Travel is charged in accordance with the relevant fee earner's hourly rate. Mileage disbursement is charged at 45 pence plus VAT per mile.

Parking dependent on location's charges and is subject to VAT.

In mostly exceptional cases, we may advise you to obtain evidence from an expert witness. In these cases, we will seek appropriate fee estimates and agree the fees with you before proceeding.

Timescales

In almost all instances the length of the case is dictated by the court and the plea that you enter. In general, matters reserved for the Magistrates Court have a time estimate of 4-6 weeks and Crown Court 10-14 weeks.

Who will be dealing with my case?

Lawyer	Qualification	Experience	Work undertaken	Hourly Rate
 <p>Roger Lewis</p>	Senior Paralegal	Roger Lewis is a senior paralegal with vast experience of assisting advocates in the preparation of cases	Preparation work in all categories.	£150
 <p>Sara Palmer</p>	Senior Associate	Sara Palmer is a very experienced advocate, highly regarded for meticulous preparation of cases.	All categories of offences	£220
<p>Huw Jones</p>	Consultant Solicitor	Huw Jones is a Consultant Solicitor with over 40 years' experience representing clients before the criminal courts	All categories of offences	£220
 <p>Sarah Grace</p>	Partner and Supervisor	Sarah Grace is head of the Crime & Regulatory Department and has specialised in Criminal Law since qualification in 1999.	All categories of offences	£220



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