

## COSTING GUIDE

# Motoring Offences

### KEY CONTACT



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We have outlined some examples below as an idea of potential costs\* and work involved.

These costs should be used only as a guide and are not definitive. Please contact our Motoring Team to receive a quote for your specific situation.

Dependent on:	Guilty Plea (All Motoring Offences)	Not Guilty Plea (All Motoring Offences)
Initial advice on any motoring case	£500	£500
Representation in court	£1500 - £2000 (fixed to one hearing)	tbc
Exclusions within fixed fee	Exceptional hardship Special reasons (both may attract a separate fee)	n/a
Counsel's fees depend on the barrister chosen but typically range from around	£750 - £1500 (per hearing)	tbc

\* Prices do not include VAT

## Typical Steps Involved (Guilty Plea)

The precise stages regarding a motoring offence vary according to circumstances. However, some key stages include:

- » Meeting with us to provide instructions on what happened;
- » We will consider the evidence available and provide advice;
- » Arranging to take any witness statements if necessary (defended case only or Not Guilty)

- » We will explain how the court works, what to expect on the day of your hearing and the sentencing options available to the court;
- » We will arrange representation at court on the day, counsel will meet with you before going before the court (if you need one of our solicitors to attend, the price will increase);
- » We will discuss the outcome with you after the hearing.

If advice is required on appeal, this can be advised upon (as a separate fee).

## Who Will Be Dealing With Your Motoring Matter?

Your matter will be dealt with by Pete Dodd, Partner and Head of Motoring.

Pete had extensive experience as a Magistrates Clerk for a number of years. This knowledge, combined with a number of years practising as a criminal defence advocate, has provided him with an in-depth understanding of how the court process works and the likely actions and decision-making processes used by Magistrates. Pete also has experience in advising as to Crown Court appeals.

## Motoring Team Hourly Rates

Our Motoring Team's hourly rates range from £295 to £360 +VAT depending on the level of complexity involved in your case.

To discuss your matter further, please contact us via 01279 755777 or email [enquiries@nockolds.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@nockolds.co.uk).

## Example (Fixed Fee) for Drink Driving Offence

### DRINK DRIVING OFFENCE (GUILTY PLEA): FIXED FEE £900 +VAT

On the basis of low reading, so not at risk of being sent to prison/community sentence.

Fee includes:

- » Initial phone call - always non chargeable, so please always pick up the phone to speak to a solicitor;
- » Attendance;
- » Taking instructions and advising as to sentence - disqualification and fines to be levied;
- » Booking counsel and delivering full brief.

## How Long Will My Matter Take?

It is almost impossible to predict the court timetable. In our experience, from the first phone call your matter could take from around two to 18 months depending on your plea.