

Timescales

Crucible's barristers will aim to complete any written work within 28 days where possible. We can be flexible in working to tight timescales, which should be agreed in advance with your barrister when providing instructions.

Barristers' Fees

Our fees are usually based on hourly rates that vary according to the seniority and experience of counsel, and the complexity and urgency of your case. Our barristers are required to record details of the hours worked and this will be itemised on a fee note, if appropriate.

Where we provide a fixed price for a piece of work we will seek not to exceed the amount we have quoted without prior client authority. We usually charge fixed-rate fees for advocacy work, especially for court work.

Experience and rates

We aim to be flexible with our fee arrangements and offer competitive rates commensurate with the nature and complexity of the work. All fees are subject to VAT (unless exemptions apply). Details of individual barristers VAT status can be requested from the clerks team.

We offer fixed fee representation for summary only motoring offences, as follows:

	Guilty plea fee, including preparation, conference and hearing	Brief fee for trial, including preparation, conference and day one of trial	Daily refresher fee
1 - 5 Years call	£1,000	£1,500	£500
6 - 10 Years call	£1,500	£2,500	£750
11 + Years call	£2,000	£5,000	£1,000
Queen's Counsel	£5,000	£10,000	£2,000

For all other Direct Access work, the following fee range, based on hourly rates, indicates our charges according to the experience of barristers:

- Under 5 years £100- £150
- 5-10 Years £150-£200
- 10-15 Years -£200-£250

- Over 15 Years £250 -£450
- Queens Counsel (Silk) £500 +

The above fees are intended to be a guide only. Our clerks will always advise on suitable counsel and provide a more accurate assessment of the fees for your case.