

Typical Fees, Key Stages, Timescales and Additional Costs, of Public Access Cases

Typical Fees

Dere Street Barristers may charge by either fixed fees (which means that we will charge you a set amount of money for each piece of work we undertake) or on an hourly rate basis.

All fees exclude VAT (where applicable). That means that it is likely that you will have to pay us VAT in addition to the fee at the current rate (presently 20%).

If we charge fixed fees, these may vary depending on your needs – for example, your fees may be towards the higher end of the range if you need a more experienced barrister and/or you have a more complex case. If you have a particularly complex case, your fees may also be higher than the estimates below.

If we quote a fixed fee it will only be to undertake that particular piece of work. There are likely to be many different pieces of work involved in a case such as representation at hearings, advising in conference and writing and drafting documents. We will always quote separately for each piece of work. Below are some indicative fees;

Stage of Case	Range of fixed fees (estimated)
Preliminary meeting	£0 - £500
Initial conference / meeting	£500 - £2000
Written advice on claim	£500 - £2000
Hourly rate for assistance with drafting any Court documents	£150 - £500
Preliminary / Directions hearings	£750 - £2500
Preparation of case, drafting documents	£500 - £2000
1 day hearing – County Court / Tribunal	£1000 - £5000
First day of multi-day hearing	£2,000 - £10000
Subsequent daily fee on multi-day hearings	£1250 - £3500

If it is agreed to bill on an hourly rate basis hourly rates vary from £150 - £500 dependant on the seniority / expertise of the barrister who is booked. An amount of hours required will be estimated at each key stage (below).

Key stages of typical Public Access cases

Employment Tribunals

- Written advice on your claim.
- Preparation of your case, meetings with you, assisting in drafting of court documents.
- Preliminary hearing.
- Tribunal hearing.
- Remedy hearing (to decide compensation).

Personal Injury Claims

- Meeting with you.
- Written advice on your claim.
- Drafting a statement of case.
- Trial.

Financial Disputes in Divorce

- Written advice on your financial dispute.
- Preparation of your case, meetings with you, assisting in the drafting of court documents.
- First appointment (first court hearing exchanging financial information).
- Financial dispute resolution (second court hearing to try to reach settlement).
- Final hearing (third court hearing if settlement not reached).

Timescales

Timescales for your case may vary depending on factors such as barrister's availability, the complexity of your case, the need for additional documents and the other side's approach. However, as guide straightforward Employment Tribunal cases tend to have a hearing date within four to six months of a claim being made. Personal Injury cases tend to have a trial within two years of a claim being made (but a straightforward case can often be settled within six months). Financial Disputes in Divorce tend to take six to twelve months (not including any appeals).

Additional Costs

If there are any additional costs chargeable by us over and above the quoted fixed fee or the agreed hourly rate you will be made aware and these will be agreed with you before the fees

are incurred. Additional costs for example may be for any administrative work, photocopying, printing and travel expenses if your case is not local to Chambers.

Over and above the fees charged by us you may have to pay to engage another person to assist with your case if you require additional help and please bear in mind there will be court fees which will also be payable by you. Current court and tribunal fees can be found at [Court and tribunal fees - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/court-and-tribunal-fees)

Contact Us

All information is correct as of February 2022 but these fees are estimates only and may change.

For a more accurate quotation please contact the clerks on 0344 335 1551 or clerks@derestreet.co.uk