

Goldsmith Chambers – Direct Access Fees in “summary only” motoring offences under Part 1 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and/or Section 89 of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984

Barristers at Goldsmith Chambers are available to advise you at all stages of the process, from initial advice to representation at a trial and sentencing. “Summary only” motoring offences are those that can only be heard in the Magistrates Court; for example: driving whilst disqualified, driving without insurance, careless driving, speeding and failing to stop or report.

Timescales

The timescales for each case may vary due to factors such as a barrister’s availability, complexity of the case, Court listing and the need for extra documents or expert evidence. Written advice on your case will usually be available within two to four weeks where possible. On occasions you may need representation at short notice. In such circumstances, please contact the Criminal Clerks at Goldsmith Chambers as soon as possible and we will aim to provide representation at your hearing where possible (see contact details below).

Fees

Often fees will be quoted on a fixed fee basis but sometimes a fee may be based on an hourly rate. Some cases are fairly straight forward. However, others can be more complex i.e. when expert evidence is needed. If an expert is required, the expert’s fee will be payable direct to the expert. The barrister’s fee will be agreed in advance of any work being done, in order to give you certainty. VAT is payable on all fees where applicable.

Please see below for a range of the current hourly rates for barristers at Goldsmith Chambers (VAT chargeable in addition where applicable). There are a number of factors, which may affect the fee payable, such as the timescales involved, complexity of the case, seniority of Counsel, volume of documents, location of Court, type and duration of hearing etc. It is not possible to state the precise fee for case here. So please feel free to contact the Criminal Clerking Team in order to receive a quotation (see contact details below).

<u>Key Stages of Case</u>	<u>Examples of hourly rates/fixed fees</u>
Written advice on your case, Preparation of case, Conferences, assistance with drafting any Court documents	£200 to £1,250 per hour (+ VAT where applicable)
Guilty Pleas	£300 to £2,500 (+ VAT where applicable)
First appearance (pre-trial Court hearing)	£300 to £2,500 (+ VAT where applicable)
First Day of Trial (half day)	£300 to £1,500 (+ VAT where applicable)
First Day of Trial (full day)	£400 to £2,500 (+ VAT where applicable)
Court hearings per day, after the first day of the trial (subsequent days of the trial or a	£300 to £1,000 (+ VAT where applicable)

For Court hearings outside of London, reasonable travel expenses will be charged in addition to the fee.

For a quotation, please complete [the enquiry form on the Direct Access page](#), with the details of your case. Alternatively, please contact our Criminal Clerking Team on [0207 353 6802](tel:02073536802). Your enquiry will then be forwarded to a barrister and a quotation will be sent to you.

All information is correct as of 31.03.2021, but fees are estimates only.



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