

Goldsmith Chambers – Direct Access Fees in Personal injury claims (in relation to claims, which are valued up to £25,000 or are allocated to the fast track).

Goldsmith Chambers Barristers can advise and represent you:

- if you have had an accident which was not your fault and you wish to make a personal injury claim;
OR
- If someone is making a claim against you and it was not your fault.

Timescales

Timescales for supplying the requested services will depend on factors such as the barrister's availability, the complexity of your claim, the need for additional documents, the other side's approach, whether there is any urgency and court waiting times. Straight forward cases will ideally settle within six months of a claim being made. If a trial is required, the Courts generally list a hearing date within two years of a claim being made.

Fees

Our barristers may charge fixed fees, meaning a set amount of money for the written advice, or you may agree a fee based on an agreed hourly rate. If a barrister charges fixed fees, these will vary depending on your needs. For example, your fees may be towards the higher end of the range depending on the complexity of your case. The timescales that apply, and whether there is any urgency, as well as the availability and seniority of the barrister you request may also affect your quotation. It is not possible to state the precise fee for your needs here so please feel free to contact the Civil Clerking Team in order to receive a quotation (see contact details below). VAT is payable on all fees where applicable.

Our barristers sometimes charge an agreed hourly rate for advisory and drafting work. As is the case with fixed fees, a number of factors determine the hourly rate. For example, seniority of Counsel, the complexity and financial value of the case and what timescales are involved.

It is not practical to state the precise fee for every single type of case here. So please feel free to contact the Civil Clerks at Goldsmith Chambers in order to receive a quotation (see contact details below). VAT is payable on all fees where applicable.

An issue fee will be payable to the Court by the party making the application. If an expert is instructed in your case, a fee will be payable directly to the expert.

If your claim is successful, the other side will normally reimburse you for your legal costs.

If your claim is unsuccessful, you will still be liable to pay your own barrister's fee but you may not have to pay the other side's legal fees. Your insurance may cover these costs.

Below we provide estimates (not including VAT) based on the range of fixed fees or hourly rates fees for Goldsmith Chambers barristers. All fees are payable in advance.

<u>Key Stages of Case</u>	<u>Range of fixed fees (not including VAT)</u>
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Advising you during a meeting	£150 to £400 (+ VAT where applicable)
Providing written advice on your claim/defence	£250 to £850 (+ VAT where applicable)
Drafting documents for your claim	£250 to £750 (+ VAT where applicable)
Representing you at pre-trial hearings and the trial. An agreed fixed fee will depend on a number of factors, as mentioned generally above, for example the seniority of barrister, the complexity and financial value of the case, but could range from £500 to £1,705 per hearing (+ VAT where applicable).	
<u>Key Stages of Case</u>	<u>Range of hourly rates (not including VAT)</u>
Advising you during a meeting	£150 to £250 (+ VAT where applicable)
Providing written advice on your claim/defence	£150 to £250 (+ VAT where applicable)
Drafting documents for your claim	£150 to £250 (+ VAT where applicable)

For a quotation, please complete [the enquiry form on the Direct Access page](#), with the details of your case. Alternatively, please contact our Civil Clerking Team on 0207 353 6802. Your enquiry will then be forwarded to a barrister and a quotation will be sent to you. Please remember to state if your claim is for more than £25,000.

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



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