

BARNES & PARTNERS SOLICITORS

Probate (uncontested cases with all assets in UK)

1. Applying for Grant only (estate is under the inheritance tax band threshold)

We offer a fixed fee of £ 1800 plus VAT. There will be an additional disbursement of £ 380 for the Court Application Fee

2. Application for Grant only (estate is over the inheritance tax band threshold but we can submit IHT 217 to claim double nil rate band)

We offer a fixed fee of £2000 plus VAT. There will be an additional disbursement of £ 380 for the Court Application Fee

3. Application for Grant only (estate is over inheritance tax band and a full Inland Revenue Account IHT400 required)

Costs begin at £3000 plus VAT but can range up £8000 plus Vat depending on the complexity of the matter

The exact cost will depend on the individual circumstances of the matter, for example the number of assets involved. If there are only two assets namely a house and a bank account then costs will be at the lower end of the scale. If there are numerous assets and the deceased made a number of lifetime gifts then costs will be at the higher end of the scale. An accurate quote can be given at the first consultation with one of our Probate Solicitors once they are given details of the estate in question.

4. Full Complete Probate Service - Applying for the Grant, collecting and distributing assets

It is impossible to give a fixed fee for this service. Costs begin at £4000 plus VAT but can range up to £30,000 depending on the size of the estate, number of beneficiaries, number of assets held by the deceased and complexity of the matter.

The exact cost will depend on the individual circumstances of the matter. For example, if there is one beneficiary and no property, costs will be at the lower end of the range. If there are multiple beneficiaries, numerous properties and multiple bank accounts, costs will be at the higher end.

The following list are examples of situations that could lead to costs being at the higher end of the scale:

- The original will is not available
- There is more than one property
- The estate is insolvent
- There are disputes between beneficiaries on division of assets. If disputes arise this is likely to lead to an increase in costs
- There are claims being made against the estate
- If there is no will or the estate consists of any share holdings (stocks and bonds) there is likely to be additional costs that could range significantly depending on the estate and how it is to be dealt with. We can give you a more accurate quote once we have more information.
- If more than 6 copies of the grant are required, they will cost £1 each
- Please note that dealing with the sale or transfer of any property in the estate is not included

Disbursements to be added to this fee:

- Probate application fee of £380.00
- Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department searches (£6 per beneficiary)
- £300 approx for Statutory Advertisements - Post in the London Gazette - Protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditors and Post in Local Newspaper- This also helps to offer the same protection

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as court fees. We handle the payment of the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process

Additional Information:

We have a highly experienced team in our Probate division headed up by one of our Senior Partners, Nancy Mortemore with over 25 years of experience in this field. It is difficult to give an accurate quote without knowing your particular circumstances but please be assured that at the first consultation we will be able to give you a clear indication of costs tailored to your specific requirements.