

PROBATE (Uncontested)

We can help you through this difficult process by obtaining the Grant of Probate on your behalf. We will also undertake the collecting and distributing of assets.

We anticipate this will take between 25 and 150 hours work at £250 plus VAT (20%) per hour. Total costs estimated at £6,250 plus VAT (20%) - £31,250 plus VAT (20%). Alternatively, we offer a fixed fee of 2.5% of the gross value of the estate.

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, a property and multiple bank accounts, investments etc, costs will be at the higher end.

Our fee includes:-

- Provide you with a dedicated and experienced probate solicitor to work on your matter;
- Identify the legally appointed executors or administrators and beneficiaries;
- Accurately identify the type of Probate application you will require;
- Obtain the relevant documents required to make the application;
- Complete the Probate Application and the relevant HMRC forms;
- Draft a legal oath for you to swear/sign;
- Make the application to the Probate Court on your behalf;
- Obtain the Probate and securely send two copies to you;
- Collect and distribute all assets in the estate.

Disbursements

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

- Probate application fee of £273;
- £10 Swearing of the oath (per executor);
- Statutory advertising - £200 plus VAT at 20% (estimate);

Additional Costs

- If there is no will or the estate consists of any shareholdings (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 inheritance tax is payable, additional work will be required which may increase the overall costs to administer the estate.
- If any additional copies of the grant are required, they will cost £1.50 per copy.
- Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property in the estate is not included.

How long will this take?

On average, estates that fall within this range are dealt with within 6-12 months depending on the assets and complexity of the estate. Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes 6-12 weeks. Collecting assets then follows, which can take between 4-8 weeks. It can take several months to finalise the deceased's income tax affairs. Once the executors are satisfied that all of the assets collected in and all of the liabilities paid, and statutory notices expired, HMRC has cleared IHT

accounts, estate accounts are prepared and approved, we can distribute the assets, which normally takes 2-3 weeks.

Who will deal with my case?

Your case will be handled by someone who is most suitably qualified to assist you and may include solicitors, trainees, paralegals and assistants.

As a recognised sole practice, it is likely that your matter will be dealt with by Mr Gary Liversage. Mr Liversage was admitted to the roll of solicitors in 2012. He attended the University of Kent to obtain a Bachelor of Laws Degree and completed the Legal Practice Course with Distinction at the University of Law, Chester. Since qualifying, Mr Liversage has helped thousands of families, individuals and businesses in many areas including Wills, Probates, Employment Law, Debt Recovery, Family Law and Commercial Property.

Our fees are calculated on the basis of an hourly rate, are as follows:

- Solicitors - £250 plus VAT (20%)
- Trainee Solicitors - £150 plus VAT (20%)
- Assistants - £100 plus VAT (20%)

Sage Solicitors are registered for VAT purposes. Our VAT registration number is 431 0572 35.

Calls us for a free initial consultation on 0151 318 1599.