

Litigation matters

In all cases, including where your dispute involves either Court or Tribunal proceedings, our costs will be based on an hourly rate as set out in our terms of business and as specifically agreed with you. We will give you an estimate of your likely costs after the first consideration of your matter and we will review this periodically. All prices are excluding VAT unless stated (VAT at the appropriate rate is currently 20%).

Court fees and other disbursements may need to be paid by you. These are usually fixed and based on the value of the claim. Vat is not added to these expenses. We will tell you what these are at your initial meeting.

All work done on your matter will be charged as per our term of business. At any time, a full and detailed breakdown of all charges can be provided. You may cap your costs at any stage to ensure you have full control over them.

Most litigation cases include the following:

- Taking your initial instructions, reviewing the papers and advising you on merits and likely outcome (this is likely to be revisited throughout the matter and subject to change)
- Entering into pre-claim conciliation to explore whether a settlement can be reached
- Preparing claim or response
- Reviewing and advising on claim or response from other party
- Exploring settlement and negotiating settlement throughout the process
- preparing or considering a schedule of loss
- Preparing for (and attending) any preliminary hearing or applications
- Exchanging documents with the other party and agreeing a bundle of documents
- Taking witness statements, drafting statements and agreeing their content with witnesses
- preparing bundle of documents
- Reviewing and advising on the other party's witness statements
- agreeing a list of issues, a chronology and cost schedules
- Preparation and attendance at Final Hearing

How long will my case take to finish?

Every case is different and much will depend on the other party. At the initial meeting, we will be able to give you an indication as to the expected length of your matter and if there is any reason to change this, we will let you know.