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*Clear, jargon-free legal advice for business and personal clients.*

### 2025 PRICING GUIDE

	Rate per hour
Initial consultation (a one hour meeting)	£250
Principal Solicitor	£400 per hour
Solicitor	£300 per hour

#### Conveyancing – Leasehold

	Fees
Purchase of a property below and up to £200,000	£1,700
Purchase of a property from £201,000-£400,000	£1,900
Property prices in region of above £400,000 - £700,000	£2,650
Property prices above £700,000 – £1,000,000	£3,200
Property prices over £1,000,000	£4,000

#### Conveyancing – Freehold

	Fees
Purchase of a property below and up to £200,000	£1,550
Purchase of a property from £201,000-£400,000	£1,650
Property prices in region of above £400,000 - £700,000	£2,400
Property prices above £700,000 – £1,000,000	£2,900
Property prices over £1,000,000	£4,000

#### Conveyancing – Miscellaneous

	Fees
Transfer of equity	£700- £1200
Lease extensions	£2,000
Licence to Assign	£3,000
Licence to Alterations	£700- £1200

**Conveyancing-disbursements**

	Fees
Bankruptcy searches	£2-£4
Local authority searches	£100-£450
Land registry searches	£3
Environmental searches	£100-£450
Drainage searches	£3
Land registration fees	£30-£35
Stamp duty land tax	Dependant on the property price
Bank transfer fees	£20-£45

**Immigration Law**

	Fees
British citizenship	£1600- £3000
Indefinite leave to remain	£1,500- £2,500
Spouse visa	£2500- £3000
Visit visa	£800- £1700
Passport application for child born overseas	£800-£1200
Disbursements	Ranging from £200- £6000

**Employment Law**

	Fees
Breach of contract of employment	£800 (for initial consultation and trying to reach a settlement before tribunal)
Wrongful dismissal	£800 (for initial consultation and trying to reach a settlement before tribunal). A wrongful dismissal case will cost between £1000- £9000 if it reaches tribunal.
Unfair dismissal	£800 (for initial consultation and trying to reach a settlement before tribunal). An unfair dismissal case will cost between £1000- £9000 if it reaches tribunal.
Settlement Agreements	£450-£750
Unpaid wages	£800 (for initial consultation and trying to reach a settlement before tribunal)

**Family Law**

	Fees
A straightforward divorce	£800

	Fees
Consent orders for children arrangements and finances	£2000
Child contact arrangements	£1000
Pre Nuptial agreements	£1000
Financial applications	Starting from £2000

**Landlord & Tenant**

	<b>Fees</b>
Possession proceedings – Section 21 Notice	£1500
Possession proceedings – Section 8 Notice	£2,000
Housing disrepair	Starting from £400 (Fees would be dependant on how protracted the matter becomes, however we would always attempt to resolve the matter without going to court initially.)
Unlawful eviction	Starting from £400 (Fees would be dependant on how protracted the matter becomes, however we would always attempt to resolve the matter without going to court initially.)
Court fees for High Court possessions	£528
Court fees for County court possessions	£391
Court fees for issuing a claim for something other than money or possessions	£626
Court fees for issuing a claim for something other than money or possessions	£365

**Litigation**

	<b>Fees</b>
Breach of contract	Starting from £500 (Fees would be dependant on how protracted the matter becomes, however we would always attempt to resolve the matter without going to court initially.)
Contract disputes	Starting from £500 (Fees would be dependant on how protracted the matter becomes, however we would always attempt to resolve the matter without going to court initially.)
Court fees for small claims track for claims up to £300	£27
Court fees for small claims track for claims between £300.01 and £500	£59
Court fees for small claims track for claims between £500.01 and £1000	£85
Court fees for small claims track for claims between £1000.01 and £1,500	£123
Court fees for small claims track for claims between £1500.01 and £3,000	£181
Court fees for small claims track for claims more than £3,000	£346

	Fees
Court fees for Fast Track claims	£545
Court fees for Intermediate track or multi-track claims	£1,175

### Wills & Estate Planning

	Fees
Drafting of will	£350
Drafting of Mirror wills	£600
Lasting power of attorney for health and finances	£1200
Lasting power of attorney for only health or only finances	£600
Drafting of a statutory declaration	Starts from £150

Disbursements are not included in our fixed fees.

We will attempt to give a fixed fee, however in the event the matter is complex our hourly charge will apply.

## Conveyancing

The Principal solicitor Nassreen Ali will be supervising all conveyancing cases and working alongside a team of conveyancing caseworkers. Nassreen Ali has over 10 years of experience as a qualified solicitor in this field.

### Key stages and Timescales - House purchase

The process is usually somewhere between 8-16 weeks. The time scale is dependent on a number of factors ranging from whether it is a first-time buyer to if the property being purchased is a new build. It can be quicker or slower dependant on the parties in the chain.

The key stages in the purchase of a residential property are:

- a We will take instructions from yourselves in an initial consultation. We will advise you of our fees and the disbursements which may be incurred. Further to this we will confirm being instructed when you have signed our letter of authority. Money will also be requested on account to cover the cost of any third-party disbursements.
- b The seller will be asked to complete a property information form. The purpose of this information form is to build up a picture of you as a client, if a mortgage is required and what surveys you would intend on having completed. You will also need to provide us with ID so we can ensure you comply with anti-money laundering regulations.
- c Our solicitors will conduct all the relevant searches including an environmental search, drainage and water search and a local authority search. The title will also be investigated, and any relevant enquiries will be raised (this can include discrepancies in the title or plans, inconsistencies in the documents, any right of way issues affecting the title and covenants affecting property use.)
- d We will obtain further planning documentation if necessary and make any relevant enquiries with the seller's solicitors. Thereafter we will advise you on all the documents and information we have received.
- e The final contract will be sent to you for a signature and we can then agree on a completion date. Contracts will be exchanged and thereafter the purchase will be completed.
- f We will also deal with the payment stamp duty and the application for registration at Land Registry.

### Key stages and Timescales – Purchase of a leasehold property

- a We will take instructions from yourselves in an initial consultation. We will advise you of our fees and the disbursements which may be incurred. Further to this we will confirm being instructed when you have signed our letter of authority. Money will also be requested on account to cover the cost of any third party disbursements.
- b The seller will be asked to complete a property information form. The purpose of this information form is to build up a picture of you as a client, if a mortgage is required and what surveys you would intend to on having completed. You will also need to provide us with ID so we can ensure you comply with anti-money laundering regulations.
- c Our solicitors will conduct all the relevant searches including an environmental search, drainage and water search and a local authority search. The title will also be investigated and any relevant enquiries will be raised (this can include discrepancies in the title or plans, inconsistencies in the documents, any right of way issues affecting the title and covenants affecting property use.)
- d We will draft the transfer forms and advise you on joint ownership.
- e We will obtain further planning documentation if necessary and make any relevant enquiries with the sellers solicitors. Thereafter we will advise you on all the documents and information we have received.
- f The final contract will be sent to you for a signature and we can then agree on a completion date. Contracts will be exchanged and thereafter the purchase will be completed.
- g We will also deal with the payment stamp duty and the application for registration at Land Registry.

### Fees and disbursements

There is no VAT on the solicitor's fees and in the event the matter becomes extremely protracted with unforeseeable circumstances transpiring we will revise our fees.

Alongside our fees there are also disbursements to pay. Disbursements are expenses which the solicitor will need to pay various companies during the process of selling your property. These disbursements may entail VAT. Disbursements are expenses such as:

- **Bankruptcy searches (£2-£4):** The mortgage lender will ensure neither you, nor any person named on the mortgage has been declared bankrupt.
- **Local authority searches (£100 - £450):** The local authority searches differ dependant on the borough and to check for information such as planning applications, road schemes, land contamination, development restrictions and enforcement actions.
- **Land Registry search (£3):** This search is carried out before completion and the purpose is to ensure that no applications can be made to alter the title register before an application can be made to register your ownership.
- **Environmental searches (£30-£35):** The Environmental search will identify issues with flooding, subsidence, landslides and land contamination.
- **Drainage searches (£30-£40):** A water and drainage search finds essential information relating to property's access to water and drainage facilities.
- **Land registration fees** (Dependant on property price and can range from £20 -£500,000);
- **Stamp duty land tax** (Dependant on the value of the property): SDLT is paid to the government when you purchase land or property valued over a certain amount in England.
- **Bank transfer fees (£20-£45):** The cost charged by the bank to cover the costs of sending over the money used to purchase the property to the sellers solicitor.

## Immigration Law

The Principal solicitor Nassreen Ali will be supervising all immigration cases and working alongside a team of Immigration caseworkers. Nassreen Ali has over 15 years of experience in this field as a qualified solicitor.

### Key stages and timescales

Immigration applications usually entail around 7-12 hours of work. The duration of time for which it takes is heavily dependant on:

- a The complexity of the case;
- b How many dependants you have;
- c The amount of documentation involved in your case and
- d The application you are making.

The period of time an immigration matter will take is dependant on the type of immigration application and how long it takes for the Home Office to process the application. It can take from 8 weeks to one year.

The key stages when considering your immigration case will be:

- a An initial consultation where we will review all the circumstances of your case and advise you on the most appropriate application to make.
- b Dependant on the information given, we will inform you of the merits of your case.
- c Thereafter we will proceed to complete the relevant application and ask you for documents to accompany the application, these will include documents such as bank statements, P60s, marriage certificates, birth certificates, identity cards, employment contracts, letters from your employer etc.
- d You will be called in for a further consultation where you will provide us with all the relevant paperwork and we will begin to fill out the application with you.
- e We will submit the application to the home office, submit the relevant documents and pay the home office fees alongside the health surcharge (if necessary).

### Fees and disbursements

Our fees will range from £800- £3000 and are all VAT exempt.

Disbursements include:

- Home Office fees – please refer to the [gov.uk/immigration](https://www.gov.uk/immigration) for the exact amount.
- Expert fees
- Interpreter fees
- Translation fees
- Medical reports

Some of these disbursements may incur VAT. There may be other expenses required and we shall inform you of these as soon as we become aware of them.

## Employment Law

The Principal solicitor Nassreen Ali will be supervising all employment cases and working alongside a team of employment caseworkers. Nassreen Ali has over 12 years of experience in this field as a qualified solicitor.

### Key stages and timescales

The timescale of the matter will be dependant on how complex the issue is. It can take from 6 months to 2 years if taken through the employment tribunal.

At Hattin Solicitors when we take on your case, we will do the following:

- a We will arrange a consultation and within the consultation establish what your desired outcome is. We will also within this consultation review your papers and advise you on the merits of your case.
- b We will enter into early conciliation proceedings which is obligatory and attempt a settlement prior to starting any court proceedings. This will usually result in a back and forth between parties which can take from a week to months.
- c If conciliation doesn't work we will prepare/respond to a claim which involves filling out the relevant form and preparing a schedule of loss.
- d Thereafter we will need to attend a preliminary hearing, this will involve exchanging documents which includes witness statements.
- e The bundle will be prepared and we will agree a list of issues and a chronology.
- f We will continue to attempt to settle through every single stage of this process.

### Fees and disbursements

An initial consultation to advise you on the merits of your case will be £250. Thereafter fees will be chargeable dependant on the complexity of the case. If the matter is at settlement stage and you need assistance throughout the grievance procedure our fees will be ranging from £400-£750. If the employment case is to be taken to tribunal our fees will be in the range of £3,000 - £8,000.

Disbursements may be necessary which can incur VAT such as:

- Employment tribunal fees;
- Counsel fees and
- Expert fees.

There may be other expenses required and we shall inform you of these as soon as we become aware of them.

## Landlord & Tenant

The Principal solicitor Nassreen Ali will be supervising all landlord and tenant cases and working alongside a team of litigation caseworkers. Nassreen Ali has over 10 years of experience in this field as a qualified solicitor.

### Key stages and timescales

The period a Landlord and Tenant matter takes is very much dependant on the courts and how long it will take for them to consider the application. It can take anywhere between 2 months to 2 years.

The key stages in a Landlord and Tenant matter include:

- a An initial consultation where we read through your paperwork and advise you on the merits of your case and the appropriate course of action;
- b We will then attempt at informal negotiations and attempt to resolve the matter through negotiations (in some circumstances this will not be possible);
- c If negotiations fail to yield a result, we will draft a formal letter to the tenant or landlord. There will also be an attempt at mediation.
- d When all avenue have been exhausted, legal proceedings may be initiated through court.

### Fees and disbursements

An initial consultation to advise you on the merits of your case will be £250. This fee will be taken off the overall fee to carry out your matter. Our fees are VAT exempt.

Disbursements include court fees for submitting applications seeking possession (these are included in our pricing guide). Further disbursements will be dependant on the case. Counsels fees are usually estimated between £750 + VAT - £5,000+ VAT per day for attendance of a court hearing.

Although our fees do not attract VAT, disbursements may incur VAT. There may be other expenses required and we shall inform you of these as soon as we become aware of them.

## Litigation

The Principal solicitor Nassreen Ali will be supervising all litigation cases and working alongside a team of litigation caseworkers. Nassreen Ali has over 10 years of experience in this field as a qualified solicitor.

### Key stages and timescales

The period of time a Litigation matter will take is very much dependant on the courts and how long it will take for them to consider the application. It can take anywhere between 2 months to 3 years.

The key stages in a Litigation matter include:

- a An initial consultation where we read through your paperwork and advise you on the merits of your case and the appropriate course of action;
- b We will then attempt at informal negotiations and attempt to resolve the matter through negotiations (in some circumstances this will not be possible);
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