

## Probate (uncontested) – our prices and services

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.

TYPICAL QUOTE	COSTS + VAT <sup>1</sup>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There is a valid will</li><li>• There is no more than one property</li><li>• There are no more than 5 bank or building society accounts</li><li>• There are no other intangible assets</li><li>• There are no more than two beneficiaries</li><li>• There are no disputes between beneficiaries on division of assets. (If disputes arise, this is likely to lead to an increase in costs)</li><li>• There is no inheritance tax payable</li><li>• The executors do not need to submit a full account to HMRC</li><li>• There are no claims being made against the estate.</li></ul>	<p>On average 10 to 15 hours work.</p> <p>The solicitor working on your case will charge between £175 and £250 per hour depending on their qualifications and experience.</p> <p>Fees will range from £1,750 to £3,750 plus VAT.</p> <p>We are often able to quote a fixed fee at the outset once we have more information about your case.</p>

### Timescales

On average, estates that fall within this range are dealt with within 3 to 6 months. Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes 8 to 10 weeks. Collecting assets then follows, which can take between 3 to 4 weeks. Once this has been done, we can distribute the assets, which normally takes a further 3 to 4 weeks.

### Disbursements

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.

DISBURSEMENT	COST
Probate court fee	£155 plus £1.50 per copy
Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department searches	£2 plus VAT per beneficiary
Advert in London Gazette (to protect against unexpected claims from unknown creditors)	£70.00 plus VAT
Advert in local newspaper (for reason above)	Costs vary according to newspaper

#### <sup>1</sup> Potential Additional Costs

- If there is no will, or the estate consists of any shareholdings (stocks and bonds), additional costs 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;
- You ask us to deal with the income and capital gains tax returns for the estate
- Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property in the estate is not included.

## Our services

We will -

- 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 document required to make the application;
- Complete the probate application and the relevant HMRC forms;
- Make the application to the Probate Court on your behalf;
- Obtain the grant of probate and securely send two copies to you; and
- Collect and distribute all assets in the estate.

## Our team

- Dawn Oliver, Partner, Head of Wills, Trusts and Estates - 28 years experience in estate administration
- Alexander Taylor, Partner (TEP) - 18 years experience in estate administration
- Mark Hartley, Consultant (TEP) - 35 years experience in estate planning and estate administration involving agricultural property or business property
- Shirley Rabbetts, Partner (TEP) - 17 years experience in estate administration, taxable estates with agricultural and business property relief
- Phillipa Bruce Kerr, Partner (TEP) - 36 years experience in estate administration, with business and agricultural property
- Julia Stahl, Partner (TEP) – 14 years experience in estate administration
- David King, Partner – 8 years experience in estate administration and estates comprising foreign, agricultural and business assets
- Laura Banks, Partner (TEP), 18 years experience in estate administration
- Victoria Baker, Partner & Notary Public - 7 years experience in estate administration
- Thomas Murphy-Kirkhope, Partner (TEP) - 7 years experience in estate administration
- Jane Erlam, Senior Associate (TEP) – 28 years experience in estate administration
- Lauren McGurk, Senior Associate (TEP) - 5 years experience in estate administration
- Lara Wilkinson, Associate - 6 years experience in estate administration
- Lisette Macdonald, Associate (TEP) - 8 years experience in estate administration
- Julia Bilton, Chartered Legal Executive (FCILEx), 15 years experience in estate administration
- Nerys Thomas, Associate (TEP) - 4 years experience in estate administration
- Katie Gotrel, Associate - 4 years experience in estate administration
- Jamie Davies, Solicitor – 5 months as a FCILEx and 3 years as a solicitor in estate administration
- Nazia Riaz, Solicitor -1 year experience in estate administration
- Helen Gregory, Solicitor - 2 years experience in estate administration
- Harriet Pugh, Solicitor - 9 months experience in estate administration
- Sally Caldicott, Solicitor - 3 months experience in estate administration
- Lucy Willmet, Paralegal (GCILEx), 3 years experience in assisting fee earners with estate administration
- Rafaela Sachollari, Paralegal, 10 months experience assisting fee earners with estate administration.