

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 ¹
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a valid will • There is no more than one property • There are no more than 5 bank or building society accounts • There are no other intangible assets • There are no more than two beneficiaries • There are no disputes between beneficiaries on division of assets. (If disputes arise, this is likely to lead to an increase in costs) • There is no inheritance tax payable • The executors do not need to submit a full account to HMRC • There are no claims being made against the estate. 	<p>On average 10 to 15 hours work.</p> <p>The solicitor working on your case will charge between £165 and £325 per hour depending on their qualifications and experience.</p> <p>Fees will range from £1,850 to £4,875 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 2 to 3 months. 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

¹ 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

We have various members of the team who may work on your matter. Regardless of who works on your matter, they will be supervised by Alex Taylor, Partner (TEP) and Joint Head of Private Client and/or Daniel Curtis, Partner and Joint Head of Private Client.

Name	Title	Office	Qualification	Year Qualified/Experience
Laura Banks	Partner (TEP)	Birmingham	Solicitor	18 years experience in estate administration
Lisette Macdonald	Associate (TEP)	Birmingham	Solicitor	13 years experience in estate administration
Daniel Curtis	Partner, Joint Head of Private Client	Cambridge	Solicitor	01/10/1997
Bernadette O'Reilly	Partner	Cambridge	Solicitor	16/09/1996
Elizabeth Davies	Partner	Cambridge	Solicitor	15/10/1993
Katherine Hague	Legal Director	Cambridge	Solicitor	15/09/2015
Amy Wallhead	Senior Associate	Cambridge	Solicitor	11 years' experience in estate administration
Alexandra Francis	Senior Solicitor	Cambridge	Solicitor	01/03/2012
Elizabeth Herbert	Senior Solicitor	Cambridge	Solicitor	01/10/2015
Jennifer Koch	Senior Solicitor	Cambridge	Solicitor	01/04/2016
Chloe Harbutt	Solicitor	Cambridge	Solicitor	24/08/2020
Salvatore D'Arrigo	Solicitor	Cambridge	Solicitor	06/09/2021
Alan Taylor	Associate Executive	Cambridge		
Laura Wood	Trust & Tax Manager	Cambridge		
David King	Partner (TEP)	Cardiff	Solicitor	10 years' experience in estate administration and estates comprising foreign, agricultural and business assets
Nerys Thomas	Associate	Cardiff	Solicitor	4 years' experience in estate administration
Aimee Breen	Solicitor	Cardiff	Solicitor	1 years' experience in estate administration
Alexander Taylor	Partner (TEP) and Joint Head of Private Client	Cheltenham	Solicitor	19 years' estate planning and estate administration involving agricultural property or business property as well as cross border estates

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Mark Hartley	Consultant (TEP)	Cheltenham	Solicitor	35 years' experience in estate planning and estate administration involving agricultural property or business property
Phillipa Bruce Kerr	Partner (TEP)	Cheltenham	Solicitor	38 years' experience in estate administration, with business and agricultural property
Thomas Murphy-Kirkhope	Partner (TEP)	Cheltenham	Solicitor	7 years' experience in estate administration
Niamh McAlonan	Senior Associate	Cheltenham	Solicitor	9 years' experience in estate administration and estates comprising foreign, agricultural and business assets
Lauren McGurk	Senior Associate	Cheltenham	Solicitor	6 years' experience in estate administration
Jamie Davies	Solicitor	Cheltenham	Solicitor	11 years' experience in estate administration
Helen Gregory	Solicitor	Cheltenham	Solicitor	18 months' experience in estate administration
Elizabeth Hunt	Paralegal	Cheltenham		7 years' experience in private client teams
Carla Biddle	Trainee Solicitor	Cheltenham		2 years' experience in estate administration
Jane Erlam	Senior Associate (TEP)	Hereford	Solicitor	28 years' experience in estate administration
Lucy Willmet	Solicitor	Hereford	Solicitor	3 years' experience in assisting fee earners with estate administration
Clare Colacicchi	Consultant	Northampton	Solicitor	01/11/1983
Kerri Woodrow	Partner	Northampton	Solicitor	17/09/2007
Carolyn Bagley	Partner	Northampton	Solicitor	01/10/1985
Catherine Ball	Partner	Northampton	Solicitor	01/02/1999
Antonia Cooper	Senior Associate	Northampton	Solicitor	01/09/2010
Kelly Wardell	Senior Associate	Northampton	Solicitor	15/09/2005
Jane Stebbings	Associate	Northampton	Solicitor	16/10/1989
Hauke Harrack	Senior Solicitor	Northampton	Solicitor	17/09/2007
Alexandra Svennevik	Senior Solicitor	Northampton	Solicitor	15/03/2018
Eric Wardle	Head of Trust Management	Northampton	Institute of Chartered Accountants	
Elaine Morgan	Senior Tax & Trust Manager (FCCA)	Northampton	Association of Chartered Certified Accountants	20 years' experience
Victoria Robinson	Solicitor	Northampton/London	Solicitor	06/09/2021
Hila Habibi	Paralegal	Northampton		
Mariah Harrold	Paralegal	Northampton		

Name	Title	Office	Qualification	Year Qualified/Experience
Victoria Baker	Partner & Notary Public	Thames Valley	Solicitor	7 years' experience in estate administration
Rafaela Sachollari	Paralegal	Thames Valley		10 months' experience assisting fee earners with estate administration
Dawn Oliver	Partner (TEP)	Worcester	Solicitor	28 years experience in estate administration
Shirley Rabbetts	Partner (TEP)	Worcester	Solicitor	19 years experience in estate administration, taxable estates with agricultural and business property relief
Phillipa Bruce Kerr	Partner (TEP)	Worcester	Solicitor	38 years experience in estate administration, with business and agricultural property
Lara Wilkinson	Associate	Worcester	Solicitor	6 years' experience in estate administration
Nazia Riaz	Solicitor	Worcester	Solicitor	18 months experience in estate administration
Sally Caldicott	Solicitor	Worcester	Solicitor	6 months experience in estate administration
Julia Stahl	Partner (TEP)	Wye Valley	Solicitor	14 years' experience in estate administration
Harriet Pugh	Solicitor (TEP)	Wye Valley	Solicitor	9 months' experience in estate administration