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Uncontested Probate

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Prices

Please note that there will be two elements to the prices as set out below:

- Fees charged by Colin Brown & Kidson Solicitors; and
- Fees payable to third parties.

Please ensure that you consider both parts to our price information.

Fees charged by Colin Brown & Kidson Solicitors

Item	Actual	Average	VAT	Total
Legal Fee*		£2100.00	£420.00	£2520.00
Bank Telegraphic Transfer Fee per transfer	£12.00			£12.00
Value Fee**	1% cash value of estate 0.5% real estate value (reduced if the firm act in the conveyancing)			
Subtotal	£2532.00 + VAT & Value Fee			

Fees Payable to Third Parties (Disbursements)

	Actual	Average	VAT	Total
Probate Fee	£155.00		£0.00	£155.00
Sealed Copies <small>per copy</small>		£1.50	£0.00	£3.00
Post in Local Newspaper		£250.00	£0.00	£250.00
Subtotal	£408.50			
Total	£2940.00 + VAT & Value Fee			

* basis of charging = hourly rate of £210 per hour plus VAT. Estates take on average 10 hours to complete.

** basis of charging = 1% of the cash value of the estate (i.e. total value of estate, less any freehold/leasehold property plus .05% of the real estate.

For example, if the value of the estate is £100,000.00 then our value fee would be £1200.00 inclusive of VAT and if the total value of the real estate were £150,000.00 then our value fee would be £900 inclusive of VAT. The total value element would therefore be £2100 inclusive of VAT.

However, our charges must be fair and reasonable, having regard to all the circumstances of the matter. If we believe the value element produces a figure which is disproportionate to the work and responsibility involved, we will make an appropriate reduction.

This quote is based on an estate where:

- There is a valid will.
- There is no more than one property.
- There are no more than 6-8 bank, building society accounts or other financial assets
- There are no other tangible assets.
- There are 2-6 beneficiaries.
- There are no disputes between beneficiaries on division of assets.
- There is no inheritance tax payable and the executors do not need to submit a full account to HMRC.
- There are no claims made against the estate.

Work Included and Key Stages

Our fees include obtaining the grant of probate, collecting assets and distributing them. The precise work and stages involved in a probate matter vary according to the circumstances. However, we have set out the key stages involved in a typical probate matter:

- Take your instructions and give you initial advice.
- Identify the legally appointed executors or administrators and beneficiaries.
- Establish the extent of the estate by identifying the various assets and liabilities.
- Identify the type of probate application required.
- Preparation of HMRC Form IHT 205 (Return of Estate Information Form)
- The application for Grant of Probate is prepared and submitted to the appropriate Probate Registry together with the Will, if there is one.
- Once the Grant is received, it is submitted to the various organisations with whom assets are held in order to start the process of calling in the assets or transferring the assets into the beneficiaries' names.
- All estate liabilities have to be paid before the estate can be distributed among the beneficiaries;
- Confirmation is required that tax is paid up to date and there are no outstanding HMRC claims;
- Estate accounts should be prepared thereafter, and the estate distributed in accordance with the terms of the Will.

Services Excluded

Our service will not include any of the following:

- Any contested probate matters or advice on the same.
- Advice on tax or other accounting matters.
- Advice on assets held outside of the UK.
- Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property in the estate.

Approximate/ average timescales

On average, estates that fall within this quote range are dealt with within 6-12 months.

Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes 10-12 weeks.

Collecting assets then follows, which can take between 4-6 weeks.

Once this has been done, we can distribute the assets, which normally takes 2-4 weeks.

Factors that could increase costs

In some circumstances we may increase our fees to account for additional time, work or skill required to meet your instructions. In these circumstances the additional work required will be charged at the firm's hourly rate of £210 per hour. Any additional costs will be discussed in full and confirmed in writing before they are incurred. Examples include:

- If there is no will or the estate consists of any share holdings (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.
- Dealing with any beneficiaries who live abroad.

Qualifications and Experience of Our Team

Our probate team includes:

Richard Evans – Solicitor & Partner

Anne Marie Moment – Associate Solicitor

Tricia Dryden - Paralegal

Regardless of who works on your matter, they will be supervised by Richard Evans – Solicitor & Partner



Colin Brown & Kidson remains true to its local Whitby roots. Dedicated to providing individuals with expert legal advice on a range of issues, Colin Brown & Kidson aim to provide you with excellent customer service - every time.

Whatever your legal issue, trust Colin Brown & Kidson.

We work with you to discuss your legal issues and help you with your situation. We think that legal advice should be straightforward and in plain English. And we promise, that no matter who you are, we speak your kind of language.

* Basis of charging = fixed fee.

** Required only when trying to trace a beneficiary.

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