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Grant of 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

Basic Application

This quote is based on the following:

- There is a valid will
- The executors provide us with all relevant information required to complete and submit the application

Item	Actual	VAT	Total
Legal Fee*	£750.00	£150.00	£900.00

More Complex Application

This would be where we are instructed to obtain the Grant of Representation which will involve obtaining valuations of all the assets and liabilities and upon the Grant being obtained calling in the assets, discharging liabilities and distributing the assets of the estate. The costs are based on an hourly rate of £210 plus VAT and a value element varying between 1/4% and 1% of the value of the estate.

The exact cost will depend upon the circumstance of each case including how many beneficiaries there are and the number of assets to deal with. If you would like further information in respect of our services then please telephone our offices and ask to speak to either Richard Evans or Ann Marie Moment.

Fees Payable to Third Parties (Disbursements)

	Actual	Average	VAT	Total
Probate Fee	£155.00		£0.00	£155.00
Sealed Copies		£0.50	£0.00	£2.00
Post in Local Newspaper**		£250.00	£0.00	£250.00
Estimated Total Fees				£406.50

Approximate/Average Timescales

On average, it would take approximately 1 month to prepare a simple application for a Grant of Representation. More complex applications would be in the region of 3 - 6 months. Once the application has been lodged with the Probate Register currently it takes up to 8 weeks for a Grant to be obtained.

Factors That Could Increase Costs

- If there is no Will
- If the estate is subject to Inheritance Tax
- The number of assets to be dealt with
- The number of beneficiaries
- The number of liabilities
- Any disputes between beneficiaries
- Any claims against the estate

Work Included and Key Stages

The precise work and stages involved can vary according to the circumstances. However, we have set out the key stages involved in a typical probate application matter:

- Take your instructions and give you initial advice
- Identify the legally appointed executors or administrators and beneficiaries
- 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 then completed by the Executor and submitted to the Probate Registry together with the Will if there is one
- Upon the Grant being received either it is provided to the client to call in the assets or if we are instructed to do so then we will register the Grant with the asset holders and call in the assets
- Preparing Estate and Distribution Accounts
- Advice on any contested probate matters
- Advice on Inheritance Tax
- Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property within the estate

Wills & Probate Team

- **Richard Evans** – Solicitor & Partner
- **Ann Marie Moment** – Associate Solicitor
- **Tricia Dryden** – Paralegal



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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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