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How Can Your Case Be Funded?

Legal Aid

You may be eligible for Legal Aid. Legal Aid is subject to both a merits and means test...

Merits

You must first pass what is called the merits test; this will depend on the nature and complexity of your case. We will advise you further on this.

Means (1)

- Are you in receipt of Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance or a
- State pension?
- Are you under 16 years of age?
- Are you under 18 years of age and in full-time education?

You can complete a form (Form CDS 14) to receive Legal Aid. If you are over 16 years of age you **MUST** provide us with your National Insurance number or the Courts will reject your form and we will be unable to represent you at Court under this scheme.

Means (2)

- Are you working?
- Are you in receipt of other types of State benefits NOT listed above?
- Do you have any other income?

You may still be eligible for Legal Aid. You can complete forms CDS 14 and 15 and the Court will conduct a means assessment to determine whether you are financially eligible.

Please gather together evidence of your income and outgoings. For example, most recent wage slips, maintenance payments, accounts etc. Please return the completed forms and evidence urgently.

If the forms are not completed in full and submitted with the required documentary evidence your form will be rejected and we will be unable to represent under this scheme.

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Private Funding in Criminal Cases

If you are not entitled, or do not wish, to apply for Legal Aid, our charging rates are as follows...

Guilty plea to straightforward case which is concluded in one Court session at Brighton Magistrates Court	£200 + VAT = £235.00
Guilty plea to straightforward case which is concluded in one Court session at other Sussex Courts	£250 + VAT = £293.75
Guilty plea to straightforward case which is concluded in one Court session at other Courts (We may instruct an agent)	£300 + VAT = £352.50
Guilty plea and sentence to straightforward case where case is adjourned for separate sentence hearing at Brighton Magistrates Court	£500 + VAT = £587.50
Guilty plea and sentence to straightforward case where case is adjourned for separate sentence at other Sussex Courts	£600 + VAT = £705.00
Guilty plea and sentence where case is adjourned for separate sentence hearing at other Courts	£650 + VAT = £763.75
Straightforward 1/2 day trial hearing on Not Guilty plea at Brighton Magistrates Court	£750 + VAT = £881.25
Straightforward 1 day trial hearing on Not Guilty plea at Brighton Magistrates Court	£1000 + VAT = £1117.50
Attendance at local Benefits Agency for interview regarding benefit investigation (if not entitled to free assistance)	£200 + VAT = £235.00

Other cases are charged at an hourly rate of..

Director	£195 per hour
Solicitor	£175 per hour

All fees are inclusive of VAT.
Routine telephone calls, emails and letters IN are charged at £6.50 per item.
Routine telephone calls, emails and letters OUT are charged at £12.50 per item.
Mileage is charged at 45p per mile.
In all cases we will require funds on account before we commence work.
Disbursements such as fees for experts' reports are payable separately in addition to the fixed fees.

Please note that due to the money laundering regulations we will require proof of your identity (eg passport/driving licence with photograph) and proof of your address (eg copy of an up-to-date utility bill).



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