

# Rashid & Co Solicitors

## Price and Service Information: Motoring Offences

### Introduction

As part of our professional rules, we aim to ensure that anyone wishing to use our services has the information they need to make an informed choice of legal services provider, including understanding what the costs may be.

### Why instruct Rashid & Co Solicitors?

Rashid & Co specialises in criminal defence in all areas of Criminal Law. We undertake both legally aided clients and those who are privately funded. We strive to ensure our clients have expert assistance at the point of arrest, the Magistrates and Crown Court as well as appeals in the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court.

Based in Witton and Willenhall, our approach to clients is one of friendliness and efficiency. Our clients are made to feel welcome but also confident that their legal issues are dealt with in a manner that both expedient and competent. We strive to create the right impression by being as available and as approachable as possible. We can offer appointments outside normal working hours and are available 24 hours a day 365 days a year for emergencies and clients who have been arrested. We feel it is important that our clients have access to a solicitor at all times and we ensure that as a firm we work as efficiently as possible to deliver an excellent service to all our clients.

There are many driving offences which can vary from minor offences to major offences and so can the punishments. We can help with drink/drug driving, mobile phone offences, speeding, dangerous driving and driving without insurance to name a few. These laws are in place to protect you, however if you have fallen victim too such an offence then we are here to help you. At Rashid & Co we are trained to handle every issue promptly and professionally, to help put your mind at ease.

### Our Motoring Offences Team

#### Imran Rashid

#### Director-Solicitor and Head of Motoring Offences Team

Mr. Imran Rashid is an experienced criminal solicitor with over 8 years of experience in all categories of motoring offences. He is well known for paying attention to detail and scrutinising the evidence.

Motoring offences are often misunderstood due to the nature of being strict liability and it is the detail to the evidence that makes the difference to a successful outcome.

### Other team members

The other members of the team in the department are; Mr. Tariq Rashid (High-Court Advocate) with over 20 plus years of experience and Toslima Hussain (case worker).

## Motoring offence, summary only, Guilty Plea

### Our Fees

Legal fees (fixed fee)	£300.00 plus VAT
VAT of 20% on legal fees	£60.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£360.00 + disbursements</b>

### What is included?

- Attendance and/or preparation;
- Considering evidence;
- Taking your instructions;
- Providing advice on likely sentence;
- Attendance and representation at a single hearing at the Magistrates Court.

### What is not included?

- Instruction of any expert witnesses;
- Taking statements from any witnesses;
- Advice and assistance in relation to a Special Reasons or exceptional hardship hearing,
- Advice or assistance in relation to any appeal.

### Key stages involved

The key stages of your matter are based on the presumption that you have entered a guilty plea and have a date for your hearing. They typically include:

- Meet with you to provide instructions on what happened;
- Consider initial disclosure, and any other evidence and provide advice;
- Arranging to take any witness statements. This would be charged on an hourly rates basis at the charging rates set out in the table below;
- Explain the court procedure to you so you know what to expect on the day of your hearing, and the sentencing options available to the Court;
- Conduct any further preparatory work, obtain further instructions from you, if necessary, and answer any follow up queries you have;
- Attend court on the day, meet with you before going before the court. We anticipate being at court for half a day.
- Discuss the outcome with you. If advice is required on appeal, this will carry an additional cost.

Description	Hourly rate	Hourly rate (incl. vat)
Directors, consultants and Solicitors with over 4 years' experience	£201.00	£241.20
Other Solicitors and Legal Executives (FCILEX)	£177.00	£212.40
Trainee Solicitors	£146.00	£175.20
Paralegals	£111.00	£133.20

VAT is currently 20%

### **Not Guilty Pleas and Trial and other hearings**

- Full Day Trial at the Magistrates Court £1200 (£1440 incl. vat): this includes all the preparatory work attendances upon and witnesses and attendance at Court
- Half Day Trial at the Magistrates Court £600 (£720 incl. vat): this includes all the preparatory work attendances upon and witnesses and attendance at Court
- Special Reasons or exceptional Hardship hearing £500 (£600 incl. vat): this includes all the preparatory work attendances upon and witnesses and attendance at Court

Please note we cannot provide a timescale of when your hearing will take place, as this depends on the court listing for that day.

### **Notes**

1. A summary only offence is an offence which can only be tried in the magistrates' court. There are exceptions. Under the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (CJA 1988) offences specified in the Act can be tried on indictment by a jury if they are linked to an offence triable only in the Crown Court. The principal summary only offences are:
  - driving whilst disqualified
  - careless and inconsiderate driving
  - failing to give information as to the identity of the driver
  - failing to stop or report, and
  - speeding.
2. Special Reasons pertain exclusively to situations where the accused has been found or has pleaded guilty and now faces disqualification unless he/she can persuade the Court that the circumstances of the offence are such that it would be unjust to impose a ban.
3. In some circumstances following a trial where you are either found guilty or have pleaded guilty and face disqualification, you can argue that disqualification would cause you or others exceptional hardship and this could avoid a ban.