

## Probate Services

No individual estate is exactly the same, and our fees will reflect the particular requirements of the deceased's estate. For example, a person may have only banked with one organisation and owned one property. Alternatively, a person may have multiple investments, several shareholding and own multiple properties. An estate may also have a foreign element. Furthermore, depending on the complexity of the estate, there may be involvement with HM Revenue & Customs or the Department for Work and Pension. Finally, there may only be one Beneficiary or multiple Beneficiaries receiving different shares of an estate. Because of this, we can't give you a reliable estimate of the cost of us helping you until we have details of the estate. But our fees for Estate Administration start from £1,000, and the average price from an Estate Administration that does not have unexpected complications is between £5,000 and £7,000. Of course, if one of our cases does have unexpected complications, we always inform you immediately, and would fully discuss the potential consequences of that before any extra charges were incurred.

There are factors during the process of Estate Administration can increase or decrease the estimate. For example, throughout the administration process additional accounts can be discovered. It may also be that the deceased had liabilities of which the family were not aware.

Our fees in relation to estate administration do not include the following:

- i) The cost of the transfer and/or sale of any property within the estate;
- ii) If the matter becomes a contentious estate ie there is a challenge to the Will this would be charged on a separate basis;
- iii) Any enquiry raised by the Department of Work and Pension;
- iv) Any enquiry raised by the HM Revenue & Customs in relation to Inheritance Tax calculations filed.
- v) Any Inheritance Tax, Capital Gains Tax or Income tax that may become payable.
- vi) The Probate Court fee for the application for the Grant of Probate
- vii) Other charges for example Bankruptcy searches against beneficiaries, posts in The London Gazette and a local newspaper to protect against unexpected or unknown creditors.

We will always give you an individual cost estimate at the start of the matter, taking into account the actual features of the estate. We will always advise you immediately about any complication or HM Revenue & Customs enquiry or any contact with the Department for Work and Pension. We will always discuss the potential impact on price before any additional charges are incurred.