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OUR FEES AND SERVICES GUIDE ON PROBATE MATTERS

We will provide you with thorough guidance and assistance through this difficult process by obtaining the Grant of Probate and producing the inheritance tax return on your behalf. We will also undertake tasks associated with the collection and subsequent distribution of assets to all beneficiaries.

How much does this service cost?

Where there is no inheritance tax payable, there are no transferable inheritance tax allowances to be claimed and the executors do not need to submit a full account to HMRC; typically we charge a fixed fee of £1000 (plus VAT)

Breakdown of costs:

Our legal fees	£ 1,000
VAT on our fees	£ 200
Disbursements	£TBC

Disbursements comprise:

• probate court fee of £155 plus £ plus £0.50 for each office copy Grant of Probate required;

• £7 Swearing of the oath (per executor);

• where or if required, between £70 and £200 for notices to be placed in the appropriate newspaper local newspaper and the London Gazette, to protect against unexpected claims from unknown creditors;

• Where a search is required to ascertain if there is a more recent Will - £95 plus VAT

What Are Disbursements?

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as court fees. We handle the payment of disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process.

As part of our fixed fee we will:

• provide you with a dedicated and experienced probate lawyer to work on your matter;

• identify the legally appointed executors or administrators and beneficiaries;

• accurately identify the type of Probate application you will require;

• complete the Probate Application and the relevant HMRC forms;

• draft a legal oath for you to swear;

• make the application to the Probate Court on your behalf;

• obtain the Probate and securely send copies to you;

On average, estates that fall within this category are dealt with within 6 to 10 weeks. Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes between 2 to 6 weeks.

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