



Pricing

We offer civil litigation services in personal injury claims which vary in both value and complexity. Whether claims are small or large, straight forward or complex, Gorvett & Bailey do not compromise on the quality of services they provide and to that end, one of the founding partners will always deal with your matter. Our service is always tailored to the individual needs of the case but we endeavor to remain cost effective. Unless the claim is subject to the personal injury fixed costs regime, we do not provide a fixed price service.

We have low overhead costs which means we are very competitive on price with both partners' hourly charge out rates being £150 plus VAT. Both partners have over 15 years civil litigation experience.

Due to the varying nature of every individual matter, it is difficult to give a precise cost. However, once we know the details of your requirements, we will always provide you with an estimate of costs before commencing any work for you. We will also provide a cost estimate of your matter going to Trial so you can be confident that you know what your outgoings could be at each stage. To give a rough idea of the likely cost of claims we estimate:

- Simple claims (i.e liability admitted, standard medical disclosure) costs generally amount to between £1,000 and £6,000 plus VAT (currently 20%) , making a total estimated cost of **£1,200 to £7,500**. This fee will include taking initial instructions, assessing the value of the claim; drafting the Defence, obtaining medical evidence, drafting witness evidence, drafting offers and negotiating a settlement. This equates to a range of 8-26 hours spent by one of the partners, on your matter. The top end of this costing will include any Trial costs which will usually only be barrister fees of £750 plus VAT (£900). This cost does not include any Court appeal.

This estimate also includes disbursements such as:

- Expert reports - these vary between £540 and £1,800 inclusive of VAT @ 20%. An expert report is a report obtained from an independent medical

expert to comment on the injured person's relevant medical history, injury and prognosis.

- Court fees - £450
- Barrister fees for Trial - £900 inclusive of VAT @ 20%.

Based on the Court's current backlog, a simple claim taken to Trial should take no more than 12 months from the date the Defence is entered.

- Medium complexity claims (i.e. liability in dispute and non-catastrophic injury) costs generally amount to between £3,500 and £15,000 plus VAT @ 20% making a total cost of **£4,200 to £18,000**.

This fee will include taking initial instructions, assessing liability and the value of the claim; drafting the Defence, obtaining medical evidence, obtaining liability evidence, drafting witness evidence, drafting offers and negotiating a settlement. This equates to a range of 15-70 hours spent by one of the partners, on your matter. The top end of this costing will include any Trial costs which will usually only be barrister fees of £1,800 inclusive of VAT @ 20%. This cost does not cover any Court appeal.

This estimate also includes disbursements such as:

- Expert reports - these vary between £540 and £1,800 inclusive of VAT @ 20%. An expert report is a report obtained from an independent medical expert to comment on the injured person's relevant medical history, injury and prognosis. The expert may be a liability expert, such as a slip expert who will prepare an independent report on the accident circumstances.
- Witness fees - £50
- Court fees - £450
- Barrister fees for Trial - £1800 inclusive of VAT @ 20%.

Based on the Court's current backlog, a medium complexity claim taken to Trial should take no more than 18 months from the date the Defence is entered.

- Complex claims (i.e. liability in dispute, causation in dispute and/or life changing injury) are likely to incur costs over £18,000 inclusive of VAT @ 20% up to £100,000 inclusive of VAT @ 20%.

This fee will include taking initial instructions, assessing liability and the value of the claim; drafting the Defence, obtaining medical evidence, obtaining liability evidence, drafting witness evidence, drafting offers and negotiating a settlement. This equates to a range of 30-100 hours spent by one of the partners, on your matter. The top end of this costing will include any Trial costs which will usually only be barrister fees of £6,000 inclusive of VAT @ 20%.

This estimate also includes disbursements such as:

- Expert reports - these vary between £540 and £4,500 inclusive of VAT @ 20%. An expert report is a report obtained from an independent medical expert to comment on the injured person's relevant medical history, injury and prognosis. The expert may be a liability expert, such as a slip expert who will prepare an independent report on the accident circumstances.
- Witness fees - £150
- Court fees - £450
- Barrister fees for Trial - £6000 inclusive of VAT @ 20%.

You will always be involved in cost making decisions should specialised advice from experts or barristers be required.

Based on the Court's current backlog, a complex claim taken to Trial should take no more than 30 months from the date the Defence is entered.

It should be noted that these costs are normally met by your insurers or possibly by the other side in some matters. However, if you are uninsured or your matter is not covered by another party, these are the sort of costs you can expect to incur.

We hope this provides some idea as to cost, but please do not hesitate to contact us should you require a more detailed breakdown, tailored to your needs.

Mediation Services

We charge an hourly rate of £150 plus VAT @ 20% for our mediation services. However, on top of this will be any venue charges. Fixed fees for half day/full day services are available upon request. We estimate that a total charge for our legal services will be:

- £720 for a 4 hour mediation inclusive of VAT @ 20%.
- £1,440 for a full day's mediation inclusive of VAT @ 20%.
- £2,880 for a two day mediation inclusive of VAT @ 20%.