

Please see below a list of our fees as of 23/02/2024:

- **Wills**

- Single Will start from £250.00 plus VAT.
- Joint Mirror Wills start from £395.00 plus VAT.
- Additional £250.00 plus VAT for Death Bed Wills
- Home Visits are an additional £150.00 plus VAT per hourly rate.
- Additional £100.00 plus VAT where client is omitting any classes under IPFDA 1975

- **Lasting Powers of Attorney**

- Property and Finance **or** Health and Care is £400.00 plus VAT plus Office of the Public Guardian Registration Fee of £82.00
- Property and Finance **and** Health and Care is £650.00 plus VAT plus Office of the Public Guardian Registration Fee of £164.00
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- Property and Finance **and** Health and Care is £850.00 plus VAT plus Office of the Public Guardian Registration Fee of £328.00

- **Packages For Will and LPA:**

- Simple Will and X1 LPA- £550.00 PLUS VAT
- Simple Will and X2 LPA's- £850.00 plus VAT
- Simple Mirror Will and 1 LPA Each- £950.00 plus VAT
- Simple Mirror Will and x2 LPA's Each- £1,150.00 plus VAT

**There is an Office of the Public Guardian Registration of £82.00 per Lasting Power of Attorney*

- **Family/Asset Protection Trusts**

- £1,400 plus VAT and disbursements

- **Probate**

- Grant of Probate Applications (Provided it is an untaxable Estate)- £950.00 plus VAT plus Probate Registry Fee of £273.00
- Should it be a taxable estate then a bespoke quote will need to be provided based on the hourly rate of time expended.

- **Estate Administration**

- Full estate administration – Fees are based on the size of the estate and the level of complexity

- **Court of Protection**

- Deputyship Order - £950 plus VAT plus £365 court fee

- **Declarations of Trust**

- £350.00 plus VAT for fixed shares
- £540.00 plus VAT for floating Trust Deed

Probate

This page sets out our range of costs when acting on your behalf in the administration of an estate.

All prices quoted on this page are subject to VAT at the current rate of 20%.

Every case is different and we cannot realistically give you an indication of how much time it will take to administer an estate until we view the exact details of the case. We have, however, provided a range of costs to give you an idea of what work is likely to be involved.

What will it cost?

It can take anywhere between 10 and 20 hours to deal with the administration of the average estate at a rate of £200 per hour. In total our fees would range from of £2,000.00 – £4,000.00 (+ VAT) and disbursements. In addition we charge 0.5% of the value of any land and/or buildings in the Estate of the Deceased as well as 1% of the value of all other assets held by the deceased (e.g. Bank Accounts, Building Society Accounts, Investments etc.)

The exact cost to you will depend on the complexity of the case. So, for example if the estate has only one beneficiary, one bank account and no property or assets this will be quicker and cheaper to administer than a case with many beneficiaries, many properties and a variety of assets and bank accounts which would be more complicated and therefore more time-consuming and costly to administer.

What work is included in the cost?

Our experienced Probate team will deal with all aspects of the administration of the deceased's estate for you, providing that all of the following criteria are met:

- A valid will is in existence.
- The estate is made up of no more than one property.
- The estate is made up of no more than 5 bank accounts.
- The estate has no other intangible assets.
- The estate has a maximum of 6 beneficiaries.
- The beneficiaries are not in dispute over the division of assets. If disputes arise this will complicate the matter and will likely mean an increase in costs.

- The estate is of a value where no inheritance tax is payable and the executors do not need to submit a full account to HMRC.
- There are no claims made against the estate.

Disbursements

You will be liable for the following disbursements in addition to our legal fees:

- Probate Registry fee - £273.00.
- Additional copies of the grant - £1.50p each (1 per asset usually)
- Swearing of the oath (per executor) - £7.00 or £5.00 for the swearing of the oath (per administrator) where there is no will.
- Bankruptcy-only search fee (£2.00 per beneficiary – additional fees will apply if any beneficiary is resident abroad)
- Advertisement in The London Gazette – £80.00 to £100.00 approx this protects against unexpected claims against Personal Representatives from unknown creditors.
- Advertisement in a Local Newspaper – £75-£150 approx this also helps to protect against unexpected claims against Personal Representatives from unknown creditors.

Disbursements - these are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as court fees. Sweeney Miller will manage the payment of disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smooth and efficient process.

- If there is no will or the estate consists of any shareholdings (stocks and bonds) there are likely to be additional costs that could range significantly depending on the estate and how it is to be dealt with. We can provide you with a more detailed quote once we have more information from you.
- Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property in the estate is not included in this price. Our Property department would be happy to provide you with a competitive quote for this work should you require.

How long will this take?

The average estate that meets the previously stated criteria are usually dealt with within 6 – 9 months, although if the estate comprises a property that needs to be sold then of course this may affect the timescale. Ordinarily, obtaining the grant of probate takes between 8 – 12 weeks. Collecting assets and payment of liabilities will then follow, which can take between 2 – 4 weeks. Once this has been done (and the sale of any property has been completed) we can distribute the remaining assets to the beneficiaries of the estate.



If you would like to obtain a more accurate estimate of the likely costs involved in your case then please feel free to call our friendly and experienced Wills & Probate team to discuss your requirements in greater detail on 0345 900 5401.

Key contacts

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