

Please see below a list of our fees as of 1/10/2025:

- **Wills**

- Single Wills start from £265.00 plus VAT. (Total £318.00)
- Joint Mirror Wills start from £450.00 plus VAT. (Total £540.00)
- Single Codicil - £150.00 plus VAT. (Total 180.00)
- Additional £250.00 plus VAT (Total £300.00) for urgent, time sensitive Wills
- Home Visits are an additional £150.00 plus VAT (Total £180.00) per hourly rate for travel
- Letter of Wishes £75.00 plus VAT (Total £90.00) where client is omitting any classes under IPFDA 1975.
- Lifetime storage fee £200.00 plus VAT (Total £240.00). Free where appointing Sweeney Miller Law as Executor.
- Optional National Will Register Fee £40.00 plus Vat (Total £48.00)
- Deed of Variation of Will £600 plus VAT (Total £720.00)

- **Lasting Powers of Attorney**

- Property and Finance **or** Health and Care is £500.00 plus VAT (Total £600.00) plus Office of the Public Guardian Registration Fee of £82.00
- Property and Finance **and** Health and Care is £750.00 plus VAT (Total £900.00) plus Office of the Public Guardian Registration Fee of £164.00
- 2 x Property and Finance **and** 2 x Health and Care is £1200.00 plus VAT (Total £1440.00) plus Office of the Public Guardian Registration Fee of £328.00

- **Probate**

- Grant of Probate Applications (provided it is an untaxable Estate)- £1250.00 plus VAT (Total £1500.00) plus Probate Registry Fee of £303.00
- Grant of Letters of Administration £1500.00 plus VAT (Total 1800.00) plus Probate registry fee of £303.00.
- Taxable Estate fees start at £2000.00 plus VAT (Total £2400.00) for a straightforward taxable estate. Larger, more complex estates will require a bespoke quote based on the hourly rate of time expended. They may also require third party payment for tax advice.

- **Estate Administration**

- Fees are based on the size of the estate and the level of complexity. Please contact us for a bespoke quote.

- **Declarations of Trust**

- £350.00 plus VAT (Total £420.00) for fixed shares
- £540.00 plus VAT (Total £648.00) for floating Trust Deed

- **Court of Protection**

- Property and Finance **or** Health and Care Deputyship Order legal fee is between £1500 - £2000 plus VAT (Total £1800.00 - £2400.00) plus Court of Protection application fee of £421.00.

- **Trusts**

- Property Family Settlement £2000.00 plus VAT (Total £2400.00) and disbursements.
- Registering Trust with the Trust Registration Service £295.00 plus VAT (Total £354.00)

## **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 £225 per hour. In total our fees would range from of £3,000.00 – £5,000.00 plus VAT (Total £3600.00 - £6000) and disbursements.

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, including:

- Applying for Grant of Letters of Administration or if a Will is in place, applying for Grant of Probate.
- Estate administration – writing to all institutions including banks, obtaining valuations of any properties, collecting all assets, dealing with any debts and distribution of the estate in accordance of the Will or under the Intestacy rules.

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

- Probate Registry fee - £303.00.
- 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 (£3.00 plus VAT (Total £3.60) per beneficiary – additional fees will apply if any beneficiary is resident abroad)
- Advertisement in The London Gazette – approx.. £98.00 plus VAT (Total £117.60). This protects against unexpected claims against Personal Representatives from unknown creditors.
- Advertisement in a Local Newspaper – approx. £150 plus VAT (Total £180.00). This also helps to protect against unexpected claims against Personal Representatives from unknown creditors.
- 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, please call our friendly and experienced team to discuss your requirements in greater detail on 0345 900 5401.

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