

Lamb Brooks Probate Fees

We pride ourselves on being transparent and open with our fees. For a more accurate fee estimation to include your own personal circumstances please contact our Private Client Department on 01256 844888.

To give you an indication of costs for an uncontested probate matter, where all assets are in the UK, please see below:

Area of Work	Scope of Work	Fees
Fixed Fee Meeting	<p><i>Scope of work:</i> We offer an initial fixed fee appointment to discuss your options and give you an estimate of costs involved with probate.</p> <p>This Fixed Fee meeting is usually held at our office and lasts up to 1 hour. You will see a knowledgeable member of our Private Client Team (further details can be found at the end of this document).</p> <p>The meeting will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accurately identifying the type of probate application you require • Giving initial advice on starting points in winding up the estate • Going through our process and costs 	<p>Hour Fixed Fee Appointment:</p> <p>£200 VAT: £40 Total: £240</p>

<p>Grant of Probate Service Only</p>	<p><i>Scope of work:</i> We will prepare the probate application papers based on information provided by you. You will be responsible for dealing with the estate once the Grant of Probate has been obtained.</p> <p>We will arrange payment of the IHT (Inheritance Tax) due, or if IHT is due in instalments, we will arrange the 1st instalment in order to obtain the Grant. You will be responsible for settling any balance of IHT due.</p>	<p>Legal Fees:</p> <p>Where an IHT tax return is required:</p> <p>From £1,500 plus VAT</p> <p>Where no IHT tax return is required:</p> <p>From £750 plus VAT</p>	<p>Additional Costs and Expenses:</p> <p><i>Details of these are shown underneath this table</i></p>
<p>Full Estate Administration Service</p>	<p>Scope of work: The precise stages and timescales involved will vary depending on the circumstances*</p> <p>In general, the process includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial fact-finding meeting • Identity checks • Identifying all financial institutions and establishing the value of the client's estate • Applying for the Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collecting and distributing the assets • If instructed to deal with the administration tax position, registering any trusts, advising on the terms of the Will and preparing Estate Accounts 	<p>Legal Fees:</p> <p>Between £3,000 - £6,000 plus VAT**</p> <p>Legal fees for more complex estates where there may be numerous beneficiaries, significant assets or inheritance tax due generally start at around £6,000 plus VAT, rising in excess of £20,000 plus VAT.</p>	<p>Additional Costs and Expenses:</p> <p><i>Details of these are shown underneath this table</i></p>

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Additional Costs

- Arranging electronic verification of your identity: £10-£20 plus VAT per individual
- Arranging file storage: £25 plus VAT
- Arranging electronic transfer of monies: £40 plus VAT per transfer (*there can be additional charges where monies are sent internationally*)

Additional Expenses

Payments we make to third parties on your behalf to ensure a smoother process may be applicable for Grant of Probate and Full Estate Administration services. These may include:

- Probate Application Fee: £273 (no VAT)
- Additional sealed copies of the Grant: £1.50 (no VAT) per copy
- Bankruptcy Only Land Charges Department searches: £2.40 (inclusive of VAT) per individual
- HM Land Registry Official copies £3.60 (inclusive of VAT)
- Notice in the London Gazette and a local newspaper (to protect against unexpected claims from unknown creditors): Varies but usually no more than £200 (inclusive of VAT) for both

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Professional Executors

Where Member Partners of this firm have been appointed to act as Professional Executor/s, where applicable, their time spent working on the matter will be charged at their hourly charge out rate, which varies between approximately £230 and £300 plus VAT per hour.

Is the estate taxable?

Whether or not the estate is taxable, and the rate of tax will depend on the circumstances. Please use this link to HMRC inheritance tax guidance, for further information: <https://www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax>

*The exact costs will depend on the individual circumstances of the matter, for example a modest estate with no property and one beneficiary is likely to be at the lower end of the scale. Whereas a large estate with multiple properties, accounts, assets and beneficiaries will be at the higher end of the cost scale.

**This quote is based on us handling the full process for you and assumes the estate has: a valid will, no more than one property, no more than five bank accounts or building society accounts, no other intangible assets, there are between 1 and 5 beneficiaries, there are no disputes between beneficiaries, no inheritance tax is payable, there is no need for the executors to submit a full account to HMRC and there are no claims made against the estate. There are likely to be additional costs if there is no will in place, the estate consists of shareholdings and/or if additional copies of the grant are required, or any of those involved in the matter are uncooperative / unduly delay. Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property within the estate is not included, but our Property Law Team would be able to provide you with a competitive quote for this work.

Timescale

The general timescale for a straightforward probate is 6 – 12 months and roughly between 12 – 26 hours at our team's hourly rates.

Our Team & Hourly Rates

The individuals who would work with you are detailed below along with their hourly rate. Please click on the individual names to learn more about their experience and qualifications.

- [Sue Squires](#), Partner and Head of Department, 15 years' private client experience, £290 + VAT
- [Elizabeth Groom](#), Associate Solicitor, 21 years' private client experience, £275 + VAT
- [Maria Goodacre](#), Chartered Legal Executive, 16 years' private client experience, £260 + VAT
- [Amy Fowler](#), Solicitor, 4 years' private client experience, £240 + VAT
- [Trainee Solicitor/Paralegal](#) - if a Trainee Solicitor or Paralegal is assisting within the department, their charge out rate is £150 + VAT