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| **Transparency Wills & Probate Fees**To comply with the SRA Transparency rule for the provided service & advice for Wills and probate. We at wainwright & Cummins LLP provide clear and competitive pricing. Below is a breakdown of our fees for probate, estate administration, wills, and related services.**Probate & Estate Administration Services:**The administration of the estate of someone who has died is often called ‘Probate’ although, in fact, this only refers to a small portion of the work involved. When the time comes to administer a person’s estate and pass on their wealth according to the terms of their Will, our private client team can guide you through the probate process. The administration of the Estate is a complex area and no two cases are the same.Full Estate Administration:Fee: From £3,500 to £25,000 + VAT + 1% of the estate valueWhat This Covers:* Handling all legal paperwork
* Obtaining the Grant of Probate
* Collecting & distributing estate assets
* Settling debts and inheritance tax matters

Disbursements (Third-Party Costs):* Probate Registry Fee: £273
* Additional Copies of Grant: £1.50 each
* Other Third-Party Costs: Gazette notices, bankruptcy searches (if required)
* Grant of Probate (Application Only)

Fee: From £1,500 + VAT (20%)What This Covers:* Preparing probate application forms
* Submitting Inheritance Tax forms (IHT205/IHT400)
* Applying for the Grant of Probate (or Letters of Administration)

For clients who prefer to administer the estate themselves but need assistance obtaining the Grant of Probate.**Wills Services**Simple Wills Fee: £350 - £600 + VATWhat This Covers:* Drafting a legally binding Will
* Ensuring your estate is distributed according to your wishes
* Appointing executors and guardians for children
* Basic inheritance tax considerations

Includes an optional 1-3 hour conference, charged at hourly rates (see below).Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA):

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| Service | Net Fee | VAT @ 20% | Total Fee |
| Property & Financial Affairs (LPA) | £600 | £120 | £720 |
| Health & Welfare (LPA) | £600 | £120 | £720 |
| LPA Application Fee (Disbursement) | £82 per document |  |  |

An LPA allows you to appoint a trusted person to make decisions on your behalf if you lose mental capacity.Court of Protection Applications:

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| Service | Net Fee | VAT @ 20% | Total Fee |
| Deputyship Application for Finances | £1,200 | £240 | £1,440 |

Additional Court Fees:* Application Fee: £408
* Medical COP3 Assessment Fee: Varies (charged by a medical professional)
* Deputy Bond Fee & Annual Court Fees: Payable upon appointment
* Required when someone lacks mental capacity and no Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) is in place.

Deed of Variation:

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| Service | Net Fee | VAT @ 20% | Total Fee |
| Preparation of a Deed of Variation | £850 | £170 | £1,020 |

This legal document allows beneficiaries to modify estate distributions, potentially reducing inheritance tax.Additional Services:

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| Service | Net Fee | VAT @ 20% | Total Fee |
| Home Visit Fee (beyond 20 miles) | £100 | £20 | £120 |
| Emergency Will Preparation | £600 | £120 | £720 |

Hourly Rates (For Complex Cases):

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| Fee Earner | Hourly Rate (Net) | VAT @ 20% |
| Alph Wynter (Partner) | £350 | + VAT |
| Aneesha Bhunjun (Head of Probate) | £325 | + VAT |
| Probate Paralegal | £150 | + VAT |
| Junior Paralegal | £130 | + VAT |

Complex cases include high-value estates, contested probate, business assets, or multiple properties.Expected Timescales:

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| Service | Estimated Timeframe |
| Simple Estates | 9–12 months |
| Complex Estates | 18–36 months or more |
| LPA Processing (Office of the Public Guardian) | Up to 6 months |

Timescales vary depending on estate complexity, third-party delays, and whether inheritance tax is payable.Why Choose Wainwright & Cummins LLP?At Wainwright & Cummins LLP, we are committed to providing high-quality legal services with transparency and professionalism. Here’s why you can trust us with your legal needs: * Experienced Team – Our team is led by [Alph Wynter](https://www.wainwrightcummins.co.uk/site/people/profile/alph.wynter) (Partner) and [Aneesha Bhunjun](https://www.wainwrightcummins.co.uk/site/people/profile/aneesha-bhunjun) (Head of Probate), who bring extensive expertise and dedication to every case.
* Transparent Fees - We believe in clear and upfront pricing with no hidden charges, ensuring you know exactly what to expect.
* Regulatory Compliance – All of our fees comply with the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) Transparency Rules, giving you confidence in our fairness and integrity.
* Personalised Service – We provide tailored legal advice designed to meet your specific needs and circumstances.

Contact us today for a no-obligation consultation and find out how we can assist you. |