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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 value  What 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 + VAT  What 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):   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 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:   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 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:   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 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:   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | 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):   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | 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:   |  |  | | --- | --- | | 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. 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