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Price and service transparency – Estate Administration

Our team has over 30 years of collective experience in delivering high quality work in all matters relating to estate administration.

We have three members of the team who may work on your matter. Regardless of who works on your matter, they will be supervised by Andrew Kidd, partner and head of department.

- Andrew Kidd – Partner
- Jeremy Crouch – Tax & Trust Accountant
- Dylan Slepon – Trainee Solicitor

Estate Administrations: Range of costs (with fixed fee for additional work) and fixed fee

Applying for the grant of representation (most commonly grants of probate and grant of letters of administration), collecting and distributing the assets

How much does this service cost?

- We anticipate this will take between 15 and 20 hours work at £375 plus VAT per hour. Total costs estimated at £5,625 - £7,500 plus VAT.
- The exact cost will depend on the individual circumstances of the matter. For example, if there is one beneficiary and no property, costs will be at the lower end of the range. If there are multiple beneficiaries, a property and multiple bank accounts, costs will be at the higher end.
- We will handle the full process for you (unless agreed otherwise with you). This quote is for estates where:
 - There is a valid will (with codicil(s)).
 - There is no more than one property.
 - There are no more than £750,000 bank or building society accounts.
 - There are no other intangible assets.
 - There are 1 - 5 beneficiaries.
 - There is no inheritance tax payable and the executors do not need to submit a full account to HMRC.
 - The estate is solely based in England & Wales and the deceased died domiciled in England & Wales.

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- There is no “contentious” element to the estate. A contentious element to the estate, for example, would be someone seeking to challenge the will or bring a claim under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975. Proceedings do not have to be issued for the matter to become contentious.

Disbursements included in this fee

- Grant of probate application fee of £155 plus £1 for every copy of the grant of probate required.
- £5 Swearing of the oath plus £2 per exhibit (per executor).
- Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department searches (£1 per beneficiary).
- £150 (approximately) for Trustee Act notices – Protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditors.

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as court fees. We handle the payment of the disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process.

Potential additional costs

- If there is no will or the estate consists of any share holdings (stocks and bonds) there is likely to be additional costs that could range significantly depending on the estate and how it is to be dealt with. We can give you a more accurate quote once we have more information.
- Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property in the estate is not included.

How long will this take?

- On average, estates that fall within this range are dealt with within 8 - 14 months. Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes 3 - 6 months. Collecting assets and preparing the estate accounts then follows, which can take between 2 - 8 weeks. Once this has been done, we can distribute the assets, which normally takes 2 - 4 weeks.

Probate

We can help you through this difficult process by obtaining the grant of probate on your behalf. We will also undertake the collecting and distributing of assets.

How much does this service cost?

- TOTAL: fixed fee of £7,516.
- This includes: obtaining the grant, collecting assets and distributing them.

Breakdown of costs:

- Legal fees £6,000.
- VAT on legal fees £1,200.

Disbursements included in this fee

- HMCTS Probate court fee of £155 plus extra copies of the grant of £10.
- £7 Swearing of the oath (per executor).
- Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department searches (£1 per beneficiary).
- £150 Trustee Act notices - Protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditors.

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As part of our fixed fee we will:

- Provide you with a dedicated and experienced probate solicitor to work on your matter Identify the legally appointed executors or administrators and beneficiaries.
- Accurately identify the type of probate application you will require.
- Obtain the relevant documents required to make the application.
- Complete the grant of representation application and the relevant HMRC forms.
- Draft an oath for you to swear.
- Make the application to HMCTS Probate on your behalf.
- Obtain the grant of representation and securely send copies to you.
- Collect and distribute all assets in the estate.

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Biographies

Andrew Kidd - Partner

Busy legal practice involving estate planning, drafting and advisory work. Advises individuals, many of whom are high profile, on their wills and estate planning taking into account a multitude of factors from wealth protection to taxation.

A well-known and well-respected practitioner in London private client circles and holds a number of significant committee positions, including sitting as the secretary of the City of London branch of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP).

Andrew is a member of the leading professional associations in this area of law, STEP and the Association of Contentious Trust and Probate Specialists (ACTAPS).

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Lancaster University, Law, 2001, The College of Law, 2002.

A sought after expert frequently being called upon to contribute to the national media on cases in his field of law. Regularly collaborates on stories featured in the broadsheets, including The Sunday Telegraph and The Sunday Times. Has appeared on BBC News and Sky News commenting on breaking legal stories and also as a guest reviewer on the popular segment The Papers on BBC News.

Jeremy Crouch – Tax & Trust Accountant

Having worked for HM Customs and Excise and trained in accountancy, Jeremy has nearly fifteen years' experience in administering trusts and estates, specialising in tax and accounting matters as well as advising individuals on a range of taxation matters.

Clients have included high net worth individuals, owners of large landed estates, non-resident individuals and companies owning UK property.

When not dealing with the taxman, Jeremy is a church organist and singer and travels the world in pursuit of opera.

Dylan Slepon – Trainee Solicitor

Dylan started his training contract at Clintons in September 2018. He is currently conducting his first seat in the Property and Private client departments of the firm, where he has been working on a wide range of property transactions as well as estate planning matters.

Prior to working at Clintons, Dylan worked as a paralegal in a film sale agency where he assisted on film-financing projects and licensing agreements. He also has experience as a corporate and commercial paralegal, working on company acquisitions in the food and leisure sectors.

Dylan was born in Brussels and speaks five languages fluently, including Mandarin, French and Hebrew. He studied Law at the University of Sheffield and obtained a Masters Degree in Intellectual Property at King's College, University of London. In 2018 he obtained the Legal Practice Course with a Distinction.

Passionate about digital disruption in the field of entertainment, Dylan has previously worked with artists and bands in the distribution and promotion of their music.

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Clintons is an award winning boutique law firm, based in Covent Garden, Central London and in Los Angeles, California. It is a market leader in the entertainment, digital media and creative industries and is highly regarded for its family, litigation, property and corporate work.

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