

MIAH SOLICITORS

WILLS & PROBATE

The Miah Solicitors have been specialising in Wills and Probate since inception.

Our Private Client Department holds a number of Wills and annually participates in the Fee Wills Month. One year the firm came thirteenth in the entire Country for the number of Wills produced in one calendar month.

Our core services from the Private Client Department are as follows and they are all subject to VAT at 20% as well as any potential disbursements:-

Wills

We have fixed fees for preparing and attending upon yourself for testamentary capacity/disposition as follows:-

- 1 Standard Will - £150.00
- 2 Mirrored Wills - £250.00
- 3 Mirrored Wills incorporating protective provisions in respect of tenants in common - £300.00

The firm is registered with Certainty and all Wills are stored at no cost and registered with Certainty at no cost.

Islamic Wills

Islamic Wills can be complex depending on the circumstances and the firm's charges vary depending on the nature of the instructions.

Our fees range from £300.00 to £600.00 depending on the complexity of the Estate and the circumstances relating to the same.

Lasting Power of Attorneys

We offer a fixed fee service for the preparation of a Lasting Power of Attorneys which includes registration and the retention of any registered documents and provisions relating to certified copies.

Please note that there are additional fees payable for registration to the Office of the Public Guardian and these are currently set at £82.00 for each document.

Our fees are as follows:-

- 1 A single Lasting Power of Attorney - £450.00

- 2 A Lasting Power of Attorney for couples and partners - £500.00
- 3 Lasting Power of Attorney for spouses, couples and partners (whether financial decisions or health and care) - £600.00
- 4 Enduring Power of Attorneys – are used often and remain in force but may require registration with the Office of the Public Guardian when the person giving the power has become mentally incapable. We can provide support and assistance with the registration process and the fee for doing this £82.00 per document.

We charge £300.00 for obtaining and dealing with an Enduring Power of Attorney.

Probate

There are two versions of Probate there is Grant of Representation and Administration of the Estate or Letters of Administration.

Upon being provided with all the information by the Beneficiaries/Executors we charge a flat rate of £750.00 plus the fee for the probate and any office copy entries.

In the event that you require us to help with distribution of the Estate and assistance with submission of inheritance tax then the fee depends entirely on the size of the Estate, the complexity of the assets and tax payable.

Such work is carried out and chargeable on an hourly basis at £250.00 per hour.

Telephone calls and attendances are charged at units of 1/10 and any emails and communication (outgoing and incoming) are based on an actual time basis.

An example to explain:-

4 hours work may equate to £250.00 x's 4 = £1,000.00.

An Estate that has a number of bank accounts and investments would possibly take 10 to 15 hours worth of work.

In terms of disbursements the court fee is £155.00 with office copies being charged at £1.50 each. There may also be a requirement to publish notices in the London Gazette which currently costs £108.25 (inclusive of VAT).

In certain circumstances if providing a full breakdown of the Estate and information we can potentially provide a fixed percentage fee on the Estate and this varies between 3% and 9% - (this would be plus VAT and any disbursements incurred).

Court of Protection Applications

Should it be necessary to make applications in the absence of a Lasting Power of Attorney in respect of Financial Decisions or an Enduring Power of Attorney it may be necessary to make an application to the

Court to appointment a deputy. Our fees in respect of this would be £1,500.00 plus a court application fee of £355.00.

Timescales

Timescales vary from the grant of probate and this can take between 4 to six 6 months and managing the Estate depends on the complexity and size of the Estate and can often take longer than 12 months.

LPA's

4 months from receipt of instructions (including the period of 3 months registration with the Office of the Public Guardian).

If you would like any further information or to instruct anyone at the firm to deal with any of the above matters you would contact the following:-

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