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MERCANTILE BARRISTERS CHAMBERS
PUBLIC ACCESS - INHERITANCE ACT CLAIMS

The Inheritance Act 1975 protects spouses (including former spouses), cohabitants, children and other dependants when a person dies without leaving sufficient money for their continued wellbeing. Our barristers can provide you with written advice on whether you can make a claim under the Act. Our barristers can also provide you with written advice when a person dies and you are a beneficiary of the estate, but someone else makes a claim under the Act.

Timescales

Timescales for your written advice may vary depending on factors such as barristers' availability, the value and complexity of the deceased person's estate, your financial needs and those of any beneficiary of the estate. However, claims under the Act must be made within six months of the grant of probate, so as a guide your written advice will be available within two to four weeks where possible.

Fees

We charge fixed fees, which means that we will charge you a set amount of money for the work. Below we provide estimates based on the ranges of fixed fees for barristers in Mercantile Chambers. All fees are exclusive of VAT.

Your fixed fees may vary depending on your needs - for example, your fees may be towards the higher end of the range if you need a more experienced barrister and/or you have a more complex case. If you have a particularly complex case, your fees may also be higher than the estimates below. There are also likely to be additional costs of £X, for X.

Stage of case	Range of fixed fees (estimates)
Written advice on making or defending a claim	£3,250 - £6,350

Contact Us

All information is correct as of 5 January 2024, but fees are estimates only. For the most accurate fixed fee estimate, please contact the clerks on 0203 034 0077 (or e-mail enquiries@mercantilebarristers.com).

