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MERCANTILE BARRISTERS CHAMBERS

PUBLIC ACCESS - LICENSING APPLICATIONS (BUSINESSES)

Our barristers can advise you on the following licensing applications for your business: the sale or supply of alcohol, change of opening hours and entertainment purposes. Our barristers can also represent you when your application is heard by the local authority licensing committee, and in any appeal to the Magistrates' Court.

Timescales

Timescales for our services may vary depending on factors such as barristers' availability, the complexity of your application and the need for additional documents. As a guide, written advice on your application will be available within two to four weeks where possible. Hearing dates for local authority licensing committees are set in advance, and our barristers will aim to represent you on your preferred hearing date where possible. If the local authority licensing committee refuses your application, appeals must be made to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days.

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 for disbursements. These vary depending upon the disbursement and we will endeavour to notify you of these for your approval before directing you to the vendor to make payment to them.

Stage of case	Range of fixed fees (estimates)
Written advice on your application	£1,625 - £3,175
Preparation, including conferences with you and assistance with drafting of application	£1,625 - £3,175
Local authority licensing committee hearing	£3,250 - £6,350
Appeal to the Magistrates' Court - initial hearing	£3,250 - £6,350
Appeal to the Magistrates' Court - full hearing	£3,250 - £6,350

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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).