

# 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.

This information applies to probate work in relation to average uncontested cases where all the assets are in the UK. It includes both testate (where there is a valid will) and intestate (where there is no valid will) and estates where Inheritance Tax may or may not be payable.

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We anticipate this will take between 5 and 15 hours work at £286.00 plus VAT per hour. Our fees for the work that we will do for you, based on the time that we spend on your matter, are estimated at £1,200.00 to £3,600.00 (+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.

Disbursements not included in this fee are :-

- Where the value of the estate exceeds £5,000, a Probate application fee of £300.00;
- Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Department searches (£2.00 per beneficiary);

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. Inheritance Tax liability is also not included but we will let you know how much is payable during the administration 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.
- If any additional copies of the grant are required, they will cost £1.50 (1 per asset usually). 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 3-9 months. Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes 4-8 weeks. Collecting assets then follows, which can take between 4-12 weeks. Once this has been done, we can distribute the assets, which normally takes 2-4 weeks.

## **Who will carry out the work?**

The work on your matter will be carried out by Lorraine Stacey. Lorraine ([lorraine@staceyandmason.co.uk](mailto:lorraine@staceyandmason.co.uk)) is a Solicitor who Qualified in 1983. She is a member of the firm specialising in conveyancing and business transactions, wills, administration of estates, powers of attorney and non-contentious Court of Protection work.