

Costs

Our fees are based on the experience of the person acting for you and are calculated using the London Grade 1 rates bands A to D. Solicitors with over 7 years' experience at Grade A have an hourly rate of £500.00 plus VAT. Solicitors with 1 to 7 years' experience at Grade B have an hourly rate of £300.00 plus VAT. Trainee solicitors, paralegals and other fee earners at Grade D have an hourly rate of £250.00 plus VAT.

The amount of time spent on your case depends upon its complexity and several other factors which include reviewing and preparing documents and attending hearings.

There may be other fees incurred during your case which are known as disbursements which may include Court fees, Agency fees, Expert's fees and Counsel's fees. Whether it is necessary to incur disbursements on your case will depend upon the nature and complexity of your case, the value and the remedies sought.

Possession proceedings are never routine and we adapt our approach to the particular client's needs. However, a relatively straightforward possession action is likely to cost in the region of £10,000 - £15,000 plus VAT and disbursements which are likely to include court fees and counsel's fees.

Our fee includes:

- Taking your instructions and understanding your particular requirements
- Reviewing the documentation
- Undertaking appropriate searches
- Sending a letter before action
- Negotiating with the borrower/borrower's solicitors
- Drafting and issuing proceedings
- Serving the proceedings
- Drafting documents and making applications to court
- Obtaining an Order for possession and assisting with enforcement
- Advising you on next steps

Straightforward matters usually take up to 3 months from receipt of instructions from you to the issue of an Order for Possession but there are many factors outside our control.

Complex matters may take longer and cost significantly more.

We will always provide an estimate as to likely costs at the outset and throughout your case.

The Team

The firm is managed by its two directors Aimee Gould and Roger Levitt, with a close knit team that works under them.

Aimee Gould – Director

Aimee is an experienced company secretary, a graduate, paralegal, and the senior director of the firm who is responsible for client relations. She is the firm's Head of Finance and Administration.

Roger Levitt - Head of Legal Practice / COLP

Roger's legal experience stretches across over 40 years and his calm and patient approach to both internal and external matters are particularly important to the leadership and governance of Viceroy.

Within Viceroy, Roger devotes himself to overseeing the development of the practice, (being an extra pair of eyes and ears) and matters of compliance and he ensures that all fee earners receive the appropriate support that is necessary for the resolution of their issues.

In the past Roger was a Commercial Property Solicitor for over 34 years and is now a non practicing solicitor and is currently a Leading Mediator in the Legal 500.

Roger is also a mentor. He provides valuable guidance and support to the firm's fee earners and those who are interested in pursuing a career within Mediation.

Roger is a member of the Civil Mediation Council Board, and member of the Mediation Standards Board.

Personal: Roger is married to Abi. They have a daughter and 2 sons (34, 32 & 32 – yes twins) When they are back home and he is not mediating disputes between them he enjoys watching football, working out in the gym, cycling, golf, running (after his children), driving (sometimes by his children), walking (away from arguments with his children) theatre (non domestic drama), travel (with or without children), good food (now frequently cooked by his children – what a treat).

Alex Phylactides – Consultant Solicitor

Alex was admitted as a solicitor in March 2015.

Alex has practised all areas of litigation over the past 12 years including residential and commercial property disputes, contractual disputes, professional negligence, debt recovery, mortgage possession claims, bankruptcy and insolvency, consumer protection and housing disrepair claims. He joined the firm in 2020 and now focuses exclusively on property litigation for the firm's lender clients.

Alex is adept at identifying and unpicking difficult issues and working closely with clients to achieve the best possible outcome. He is a strong litigator with a commercial approach and utilises negotiation, mediation, and other forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution where appropriate.

Dylan Paterson – Trainee solicitor

Dylan is a trainee solicitor at the firm. As a valued member of the team, Dylan's experience and litigation practice has grown under the guidance of experienced solicitors at the firm. Dylan is tenacious, methodical, and he gets the job done.

Giulio Cantelmo – Paralegal

Giulio joined the firm in 2024 as a paralegal. He works closely with Alex and Dylan and provides much needed administrative and legal support.