

Probate (fixed fee)

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.

How much does this service cost?

TOTAL: fixed fee of 2% of the gross estate plus vat in appropriate cases

This includes: obtaining the grant, collecting assets, dealing with HMRC, paying debts and distributing the estate.

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. The cost of disbursements in addition to the fixed fee – as above

As part of our fixed fee we will:

- Provide you with a dedicated and experienced probate solicitor to work on your matter
- Identify the legally appointed executors or administrators and beneficiaries
- Accurately identify the type of Probate application you will require
- Obtain the relevant documents required to make the application
- Complete the Probate Application and the relevant HMRC forms
- Draft a legal oath for you to swear (or the necessary documentation to be appointed your Attorney for the purpose of the Grant)
- Make the application to the Probate Court on your behalf
- Obtain the Probate
- Collect all assets in the estate and pay all known debts
- Complete any income tax return for the tax year of death and for the administration period (if returns are outstanding for earlier periods additional charges may apply)
- Complete Estate Accounts and distribute the estate



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How long will this take?

On average, estates that fall within this range are dealt with within 6-9 months. Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes 8 - 12 weeks. Collecting assets then follows, which can take between 6 - 8 weeks. Once this has been done, we can distribute the assets, which normally takes 3 - 4 weeks. If there is a property in the estate that needs to be sold the timings for conclusion will depend on how long it takes to sell the property.



Dawn Parkes
Managing Partner and
Head of the
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I have been the firm's Managing Partner since 2014, and head up the Private Client Department. I can assist you in all aspects of wills, probate, trusts and tax planning. I joined the firm in 1989 and am a full member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners.

What do others say?

The Legal 500 has stated that the firm "can be trusted to provide good advice" and has "a good capacity for finding solutions". Dawn has been described as being "friendly and client-focused".

Please get in touch. We would be happy to discuss your specific circumstances.
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