

DK Ryan & Co., Solicitors

General Practice fee structure

House purchase/ sale

Solicitors are obliged to inform clients as soon as possible after taking instructions of the actual charges which the solicitor intends charging where this is possible. In transactions such as a house purchase/ house sale, we charge a percentage of the purchase / sale price plus VAT at 21%. In addition there are disbursements to be paid by the client. These may include land registry charges, stamp duty (on a purchase), closing searches (in the case of a purchase/mortgage) and commissioners' fees. We will advise you fully once we are in receipt of your instructions.

Wills.

We charge a fee of €75.00 plus VAT for the preparation of a Will. However, if a Will is particularly complicated and includes lengthy attendances and drafting of trusts etc., we will charge our hourly rate fee of € 250.00 plus VAT at 21%.

General matters to include Company law, Employment law, family law matters, (non contentious matters) and Litigation matters (involving court)

In some cases it is not possible to set out to clients the precise costs of their case. This may be in matters such as employment issues, family law matters (non court matters) , company law matters or cases that involve litigation such as personal injury claims, boundary disputes, contentious family law matters or contentious probate matters. In those cases our charges are calculated by reference to a number of factors including the following;

The urgency of the matter.

The skill, labour, specialised knowledge and responsibility involved.

The number and importance of the documents prepared or examined.

The amount, or value, of the transaction.

The time reasonably spent by personnel in the firm on the matter.

The place or places and the circumstances in which the matter is pursued.

Our hourly rate in those instances is € 250.00 plus VAT at 21%.

Administration of Estates

In matters involving the administration of the estate of a deceased person, we charge a professional fee based on the value of the gross estate of the deceased. Again, our charges are calculated by reference to the factors listed above. We will furnish an estimate to clients once the value of the estate has been ascertained. There are also disbursements to be paid by the client, these include commissioners' fees, valuation fees, and stamp duty on the grant of administration.

We pride ourselves on our transparency with regard to costs. We will provide clients with details of our actual fees when we receive full instructions. In all other cases, we will furnish clients with a fee estimate in accordance with our hourly rate.

Payment of our professional fees, VAT and disbursements.

Our fees are payable at the conclusion of a transaction i.e. once the purchase / sale / mortgage/ lease has been completed. However, we reserve the right to make a charge in relation to work carried out on behalf of a client in cases where the sale/ purchase did not complete or you decided not to proceed with the matter.

In all other matters and those particularly involving litigation, as these are usually ongoing matters, we will issue interim bills of costs to our client. We are willing to accept payments on account of costs or payment by instalments, the amount and frequency of instalments to be agreed with ourselves. We welcome the opportunity to meet with clients to discuss options for the payment of their bill of costs.
