**Probate and Administration of Estates fees**

Upon a person’s death, it is usual, although not always necessary to obtain a grant of Representation in order to deal with their assets/belongings (their estate).

Obtaining a grant of representation and dealing with the administration of an estate can be complicated; it can take many months (usually between 6 and 12 months) in order to ensure everything is done correctly and the estate administered properly.

Our charges and fees will be in accordance with those recommended for probate practitioners. There will be a two stage element of charging. Firstly a charge for the time we spend in dealing with the matter (time element), secondly a charge relative to the value of the estate (value element and hence the responsibility for carrying out the work). This will not exceed the aggregate of ½% of the value of realty (houses, farms and land) plus 1% of the value of all other property held in the estate.

An estimate of costs will be provided once we have ascertained the assets and assessed the complexity of the Estate.

In addition to our fees outlined above other costs may be payable. These are known as disbursements (costs paid to third parties on behalf of the estate).

* Probate court fees in the sum of £155 (plus an additional 50p for each additional official copy of the grant.)
* Trustee Adverts
	+ London Gazette - £100 - £200
	+ Local Newspaper - £100 - £200

These protect against unexpected claims from unknown creditors (if any).

* Professional fees – such as accountants or valuer’s fees.
* Bankruptcy only – Land Charges Department search fee (£2 per Beneficiary)