Fees we may charge for litigation work and debt recovery matters

We operate a fee charging service for some of the work carried out on our Business and Enterprise Law Service. As a not for profit charity, any fees we do charge are lower than those you would find at private practice law firms. This reflects that we assist those that cannot afford to pay usual commercial rates and, therefore, would not otherwise be able to access legal services. All money paid to us in fees is invested in our pro-bono (free) services across all of the firm's practice areas.

If it appears to us that you are unable to pay any fees for your matter, and are in significant need of legal help, then we are able to waive these fees and conduct your matter pro-bono (for free). We will always communicate at the outset whether we are charging you for our service or acting pro-bono.

If your matter includes expenses such as paying a court fee to issue a claim, then you will always need to pay these.

The typical costs for our charging matters are set out below. None of our fees attract VAT. You should also be aware that there may be other additional costs (such as barristers' or mediators' fees or expert reports) which are not included below. We will provide written costs information to you prior to starting any work on your case.

Advising on prospects of claim, defence in money or commercial disputes

To meet with you, consider your matter, review documentation, and advise you on your options and prospects of success - £50

Advising on debt recovery action

Our Fee	Bailiffs or High Court Enforcement Fees	Total
£50	£75-£300*	£125-£350

^{*}May be recoverable from debtor

Representing Claimant or Creditor in Court claims

Claim Value	Court Fee	Our Fee	Total**
Up to £300	£35	£50	£85
Greater than £300 but	£50	£60	£110
no more than £500			
Greater than £500 but	£70	£80	£150
no more than £1000			
Greater than £1000	£80	£120	£200
but no more than			
£1500			
Greater than £1500	£115	£150	£265
but no more than			
£3000			
Greater than £3000	£205	£250	£455
but no more than			
£5000			

Greater than £5000 but no more than £7500	£455	£375	£830
Greater than £7500 but no more than £10000	£455	£500	£955
Greater than £10000 but no more than £200,000	5% of value of claim	5% of value of claim	10% of value of claim
Greater than £200,000	£10,000	5% of value of claim	£10,000 plus 5% of value of claim

Representing Defendant or Debtor in Court claims

Claim Value	Our Fee**
Up to £300	£50
Greater than £300 but no more than £500	£60
Greater than £500 but no more than £1000	£80
Greater than £1000 but no more than £1500	£120
Greater than £1500 but no more than £3000	£150
Greater than £3000 but no more than £5000	£250
Greater than £5000 but no more than £7500	£375
Greater than £7500 but no more than £10000	£500
Greater than £10000 but no more than	5% of value of claim
£200,000	
Greater than £200,000	5% of value of claim

Representing in a Court claim for something other than money (eg. charging order, injunction, or to deal with a Part 8 Claim)

Court Fee	Our Fee	Total**
County Court - £308	£500	£808
High Court - £528	£500	£1028

^{**}These fees, or a proportion of them, may be recoverable from the other side if successful at the conclusion of litigation. However, it is possible that no costs award is made or that the costs awarded are less than the amount you have paid.

All work will be undertaken by our team of law student volunteers, legal assistants and paralegals under the supervision of our BELS solicitor.