Nº18 CHAMBERS

Inheritance Act Advice

The Inheritance Act 1975 protects spouses (including former spouses), cohabitants, children and other dependants when a person dies without leaving sufficient money for the dependent's continued wellbeing. Our barristers can provide you with written advice on whether you can make a claim under the Act. Our barristers can also provide you with written advice when a person dies and you are a beneficiary of the estate, but someone else makes a claim under the Act

Timescales

Timescales for your written advice may vary depending on factors such as barristers' availability, the value and complexity of the deceased person's estate, your financial needs and those of any beneficiary of the estate. However, claims under the Act must be made within six months of the grant of probate, so as a guide your written advice will be available within four weeks where possible.

Fees

We may charge fixed fees, which means that we will charge you a set amount of money for the written advice. Below we provide estimates based on the ranges of fixed fees for barristers in No18 Chambers. All fees exclude VAT (where applicable).

If we charge fixed fees, rather than hourly rates, these may be towards the higher end of the range if your matter requires a more experienced barrister and/or the deceased person's estate is complex. If the deceased person's estate is particularly complex, your fees may also be higher than the estimate below. There are also likely to be additional costs, for example: Probate application fee, swearing an oath, any advertising needed to check on unknown creditors, land registry fees (title and transfer), expert reports (valuations) and court issue fees (found here). (https://www.gov.uk/court-fees-what-they-are) Inheritance tax may also be payable

Stage of case	Ranges of fixed fees (estimates)
Written advice on making or defending a claim	£750 – £ 4000

Contact Us

All information is correct as of 1 January 2020. Fees are estimates only. For a detailed quotation, please contact the clerks on 02380 736 812

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