

### **Pump Court Chambers**

We are one of the one of largest and longest established barristers' chambers in England and Wales. We recently celebrated our 75<sup>th</sup> birthday! Based in London and Winchester and focusing on the South and South West, our breadth of expertise and collaborative approach enable us to provide clients with joined-up, practical solutions across multiple specialisms in law.

Our barristers and clerks are approachable, straightforward and focused on solving problems quickly and cost-effectively.

Our civil team is widely recognised as one of the best in the country. Our barristers are notable experts in their field, ably led by our silks (QCs) and leading juniors. Many of our barristers sit as part time judges.

### **Public Access – Winding-Up Petitions**

If you are owed £750 or more by a company and are able to prove that the company cannot pay you, you may be able to apply to a court to close or 'wind-up' the company. When a company is wound up a liquidator is appointed to sell the company's assets and distribute the proceeds among the company's creditors. Our barristers can advise you on the process of issuing a winding up petition, assist you with drafting the relevant paperwork and represent you at the court hearing.

If you are the director of a company which has been threatened with a winding up petition or had a winding-up petition issued against it then it is vital that you act quickly. Shortly after it has been served upon the company a winding up petition will be advertised to the public. The advertisement of a petition will have serious consequences for the company including the likely freezing of its bank accounts. If your company has been served with a winding up petition, a statutory demand for payment or threatened with winding up it is possible to protect the company by applying for an injunction. Our barristers can advise you on the process, assist in the drafting of the necessary paperwork and represent your company at any court hearings.

### *Timescales*

Timescales for your case may vary depending on factors such as barristers' availability, the complexity of your case, the need for additional documents and court waiting times.

As a guide the courts tend to have a hearing date four to eight weeks after a winding-up petition is issued subject to how busy the courts may be.

Urgent applications for injunctions to protect companies from the advertising of a petition can be arranged at extremely short notice, sometimes only a matter of hours, but this will depend upon how quickly the relevant documents can be drafted and upon court availability.

### *Fees*



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In most cases we charge fixed fees for our work. This means that we will charge you a set amount of money for each piece of work we undertake. Below we provide estimates based on the ranges of fixed fees for barristers at Pump Court Chambers.

All fees exclude VAT (where applicable). That means that it is likely that you will have to pay us VAT in addition to the fee at the current rate (presently 20%).

Our fixed fees vary depending on your needs – for example, your fees may be towards the higher end of the range if you need a more experienced barrister and/or the matter is more complex. If the matter is particularly complicated or requires urgent work outside usual office hours or over weekends then your fees may also be higher than the estimates below. There may also be additional costs for any administrative work involved such as copying or where you agree to engage another person to assist with your case, such as a paralegal. On the first occasion that you instruct us there will be a fixed administration fee of £20 plus VAT.

If we quote a fixed fee it will only be to undertake that particular piece of work. There are likely to be many different pieces of work involved in a case such as representation at hearings, advising in conference and in writing and drafting documents. We will always quote separately for each piece of work. Please contact us so we can discuss fees individually with you.

Our barristers range in experience and expertise. The fee levels set out below will reflect the relative experience of the barrister that you decide to instruct.

**If you are considering issuing a winding-up petition, you should also note that even if the company is wound up, you might not get all or any of the money you are owed.**

#### *Fixed Fees*

Stage of case	Ranges of fixed fees (estimates)
Preliminary Conference	£500 - £1,500
Written advice on your case	£600 – £2,000
Preparation of case, including assistance with completion of forms	£1000 – £2,750
Preparation for and attendance at court hearing (up to one day)	£1750 – £5,500

Please note that we cannot conduct litigation on your behalf. This means that we cannot (for example) issue applications for you at court, pay issue fees, instruct experts or send documents to the court or anyone else on your behalf. In addition, our barristers cannot correspond with other lawyers or agencies on your behalf. We can, however, advise you on how to undertake these procedures and assist you with the contents of any documents or correspondence which you can then send out in your own name.

#### ***Please Contact Us***

All information is correct as of January 2020 but fees are estimates only. For a fixed fee quotation please contact our clerks on 020-7353-0711 or [clerks@pumpcourtchambers.com](mailto:clerks@pumpcourtchambers.com).

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