Applying for the grant only – estates of less than £650,000

In most cases, these can be prepared on a fixed fee basis of:

- Up to £1,500 (+VAT) where the estate is under £325,000 and it is not necessary to apply for the transferrable nil rate band allowance.

- Up to £1,750 (+VAT) where the estate is under £650,000 and it is necessary to apply for the transferrable nil rate band allowance.

The transferrable nil rate band allowance can be claimed if one spouse who predeceases the other then leaves their entire estate to the remaining spouse.

Disbursements not included in this fee:

- Probate Application fee of £273 (VAT not applicable)

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as court fees. We handle the payment of any disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process. VAT may or may not be applicable depending on the disbursement, but we will inform you whether or not a disbursement is VAT applicable should this be necessary.

Potential additional costs:

- There are some circumstances in which the estate is not taxable, but a full Inheritance Tax account is required. In these cases, please see the costs for estates over £650,000 for an estimate of fees. We will be able to tell you at an additional meeting if this is the case, before completing any work.

- If any additional copies of the grant are required, they will cost £1.50p (VAT not applicable). One per asset is usually required.

- Dealing with the sale or transfer of any property in the estate is not included.

How long will this take?

Typically, obtaining the grant of probate takes between eight and twelve weeks on the basis that you provide us with accurate values for the assets and liabilities of the estate at the initial meeting.

As part of our fee we will:

- Provide you with a dedicated and experienced Probate lawyer to work on your matter.
- Identify the legally appointed executors or administrators and beneficiaries.
- Accurately identify the type of Probate Application you will require.
- Obtain the relevant documents required to make the Application.
- Complete the Probate Application and the relevant HMRC forms.
- Drafting a legal Statement of Truth for you to sign as required by the Probate Court.
- Make the application to the Probate Court on your behalf.
- Obtain the Probate and securely send copies to you.

You will then be able to deal with the remaining issues of the estate, including payment of tax, collecting in assets, settling liabilities and distributing the estate.