

(Range of fixed fees) for a business to business debt that is undisputed

At Bird & Lovibond we have a reputation for our down to earth and pragmatic approach. We have always been transparent about our fees and always ensure that you know, from your first meeting with a lawyer, what our advice will cost. As your matter progresses with us we also keep you updated should our original estimate of the cost change.

Across the whole profession there has been a push towards greater price transparency for clients and this has led our regulator, the SRA to issue 'Transparency Rules' which require all firm's that they regulate to publish information about their prices.

The following information is provided to you to comply with this regulation. It does not replace the personal quote that you will receive before you instruct us to act for you.

Court Claims

These costs apply where your claim is in relation to an unpaid invoice which is not disputed and enforcement action is not needed. If the other party disputes your claim at any point, we will discuss any further work required and provide you with revised advice about costs if necessary, which could be on a fixed fee (e.g. if a one off letter is required), or an hourly rate if more extensive work is needed.

Debt value	Court fee	Our fee (incl. VAT)	Total
Up to £5,000	£35-£205	£300	£335-505
£5,001 - £10,000	£455	£600	£1,055
£10,001 - £50,000	5% value of the claim	£1,000	£1,000 + 5% of value of the claim

Anyone wishing to proceed with a claim should note that:

- The VAT element of our fee cannot be reclaimed from your debtor if you are registered for VAT.
- Interest and compensation may take the debt into a higher banding, with a higher cost.
- The costs quoted above are not for matters where enforcement action, such as the bailiff, is needed to collect your debt.

Our fee includes:

- Taking your instructions and reviewing documentation
- Undertaking appropriate searches
- Sending a letter before action
- Receiving payment and sending onto you, or if the debt is not paid, drafting and issuing claim
- Where no Acknowledgment of Service or Defence is received, applying to the court to enter Judgement in default
- When Judgement in default is received, write to the other side to request payment
- If payment is not received within X days, providing you with advice on next steps and likely costs

Matters usually take 4-12 weeks from receipt of instructions from you to receipt of payment from the other side, depending on whether or not it is necessary to issue a claim. This is on the basis that the other side pays promptly on receipt of Judgement in default. If enforcement action is needed, the matter will take longer to resolve.