

## DEBT RECOVERY – PRICING AND SERVICE OVERVIEW

Each case is examined on its merits and may not always be amenable to fixed fee pricing. This document contains an overview of fixed fees for business-to-business debts that are in dispute and lead to Court claims.

The below costs apply where your claim is in relation to an unpaid invoice which is in dispute between businesses.

### Court fees

(From April 2025)

Value of your claim				Fee payable
Value of your claim				Court issued claim
Up to	£300			£35
Greater than	£300	but no more than	£500	£50
Greater than	£500	but no more than	£1,000	£70
Greater than	£1,000	but no more than	£1,500	£80
Greater than	£1,500	but no more than	£3,000	£115
Greater than	£3,000	but no more than	£5,000	£205
Greater than	£5,000	but no more than	£10,000	£455
Greater than	£10,000	but no more than	£15,000	5% of the value of the claim
Greater than	£15,000	but no more than	£50,000	
Greater than	£50,000	but no more than	£200,000	
More than	£200,000			£10,000

### Our fees bands

Legal Fees are the amount you will be required to pay for all the work performed by us in actioning your instructions from commencement of your case to conclusion. VAT will be payable on our fees and some disbursements, currently 20% and we will clearly confirm which disbursements carry VAT in our formal quotation or as we advise you to incur them.

Debt Value	Bands (plus VAT at 20%)	Bands (Inc. VAT at 20%)
Up to £5,000	£600 - £1,200	£720.00 - £1,400.00
£5,001 - £10,000	£750 - £4,000	£900.00 - £4,800.00
£10,001 - £50,000	£1,500 - £10,000	£1,800.00 - £12,000.00
£50,001 - £100,000	£15,000 - £20,000	£18,000.00 - £24,000.00

**Anyone wishing to proceed with a claim should note that:**

- The VAT element of our fee cannot be reclaimed from your debtor.
- Interest and compensation may take the debt into a higher banding, with a higher cost.
- The costs quoted above do not include enforcement action.

Our fees includes:

- Reviewing documentation and taking instructions.
- Appropriate searches.
- Sending a pre-action letter.
- If the debt is not paid, drafting and issuing a claim.
- As appropriate applying to the Court to enter Judgment in Default.
- When Judgment in Default is received, writing to the debtor to request payment.
- In default of payment, providing advice on the next steps and likely costs.

If at any stage our fees change, we will notify you and discuss the reason for any changes. This would typically occur if you change your instructions or your case involves an unforeseen complexity.

Our fees do not include:

- Court fees and any other expenses such as Counsel's fees
- Enforcement action
- Issue of Insolvency proceedings such as issuing a winding-up petition or bankruptcy petition.

Our average fees assume that:

- a) The transaction is concluded in a timely manner and no unforeseen complication arise.
- b) All parties to the transaction are co-operative and there is no unreasonable delay from any parties providing documentation.

**How long will my claim take?**

Subject to the facts of each case it may take on average 4 weeks to 4 months pre-action letter to payment from the debtor. This is on the basis that the other side pays in response to a Judgment in default. Enforcement will add time to the recovery.

**Disbursements (not included in our fee)**

Disbursements are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties, such as Court fees and advocates charges. We handle the payment of disbursements on your behalf to ensure a smoother process.

In the event that it is necessary to proceed to a hearing, we estimate our hearing agent/advocate's fee to be between £350 and £1,500 plus VAT at 20% (£420.00 - £1,800.00 Inc. VAT).

There are also fixed costs payable to the court at fixed intervals in the claim and for certain applications/processes during the litigation. Full details can be found [here](#).

## **Factors That Could Make a Case More Complex**

The following factors may make your case more complex and impact on your legal fees and disbursements: -

- The matter is defended
- Judgement is obtained and needs to be enforced for example
- Instruction of a Bailiff
- Attachment to earnings
- Making or defending a costs application

If court hearings are adjourned, further fees will be due depending on the amount of work required. As required fee estimates for this additional work will be provided.

Should any of these factors occur we will notify you and discuss with you any increase in our legal fees or disbursements.

## **Our Debt Recovery team**

Below you can see the members of our Debt recovery team. Regardless of who works on your matter, they will be supervised by Joseph Oates, Partner and Head of Dispute Resolution and Insolvency.

[Joseph Oates](#)

[David Brown](#)

**All fees are correct as of 1 April 2026.**