



DEAL CHAMBERS

PUBLIC ACCESS – WINDING UP PETITIONS

Our Service

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. We can advise you on the process of issuing a winding up petition and represent you at the court hearing.

If you are a company which has had a winding up petition issued against you we can advise you on the process of defending it and represent you at the court hearing.

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. However, as a guide. The courts tend to have a hearing date 8 to 10 weeks after a winding up petition is issued.

Fees

In most cases we charge fixed fees for our work. (which means that we will charge you a set amount of money for each piece of work we undertake). Below we have provided estimates based on the range of fixed fees dependent on the complexity and time required.

All fees exclude VAT, and it is likely you will have to pay VAT, in addition to the fee at the current rate, which is presently 20%.

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.

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.

Fixed Fees

Stage of Case	Range of fixed fees (estimates)
Preliminary conference	£500-£1,500
Written advice on your case	£750-£1,500
Preparation of case, including assistance with completion of forms	£1,000 - £2,500
Preparation for and attendance at court hearing of up to a day	£1750-£4,400

Please note that we cannot conduct litigation on your behalf. This means that we cannot (for example) issue applications for you at court, and pay issue fees.

Contact Us

All information is correct as of March 2025. But fees are estimates only. For a quotation please contact Timothy Deal on 07774 759 382 or timothy.deal@dealchambers.com.