

9 Park Place Public Access: Inheritance Act – Advice on Making or Defending a Claim

The Inheritance Act 1975 protects spouses (including former spouses), cohabitants, children and other dependants when a person dies without leaving sufficient money for the dependent's continued wellbeing. Our barristers can provide you with written advice on whether you can make a claim under the Act. Our barristers can also provide you with written advice when a person dies and you are a beneficiary of the estate, but someone else makes a claim under the Act. The information provided below presumes the deceased person's estate is worth *less* than £300,000.

Public Access clients may contact Chambers to obtain a quotation for legal services by

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- Email to: clerks@9parkplace.co.uk
- Fax: 02920 222542
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Timescales

There are a number of different factors which may influence the timescales within which a barrister can provide legal services. These include, but are not limited to:

- The particular requirements of the client
- The availability of the chosen barrister and his/her other diary commitments
- The value and complexity of the deceased person's estate
- Your financial needs and those of any beneficiary of the estate.
- The complexity of the case and the volume of material that will need to be reviewed

Fees

Our barristers charge between £200 and £300 plus vat per hour. Using the hourly rate as a guideline, we will always agree a fixed fee with you, in advance of doing any work and within 14 days of receiving sufficient information to be able to do so.

Claims under the Act must be made within six months of the grant of probate. As a guide your written advice will be available within two to four weeks where possible.

Your fixed fee will 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 deceased person's estate is more complex.

Please contact the clerks in the first instance and be prepared to provide the available paperwork in your case so that we are able to accurately assess the work required in order to agree a fixed fee to advise or represent you.

If you have any questions, or the estate is valued at more than £300,000 please contact the clerks to discuss your requirements.