

# PROBATE/ESTATE ADMINISTRATION

## COMPLEX FULL ESTATE - FULL (ADMINISTRATION)

### Estimate of average cost

It is very difficult to give a general idea of fees for the full administration of a Complex Full Estate because there are so many different scenarios and complexities that could be present. If the Estate is taxable and has additional complicating factors it could take 30-50 hours. Hourly rates vary depending on seniority from £252.00 to £288.00 (inc of vat).

The estimated cost would therefore range from £7,560.00 (inc of vat) to £14,400.00 (inc of vat).

### Estimate of how long it usually takes

Estates that fall within this range usually take 18+ months to administer.

### For a transaction of this type, with a cost estimate in this range, there could be any manner of complicating factors, including, but not limited to:

- business interests
- trust interests (either existing or arising from the Will)
- large number of beneficiaries or beneficiaries in dispute
- a large number of assets
- complex assets
- a complicated intestacy or problematic, ambiguous or complex Will
- matters involving HMRC
- complex IHT issues
- other factors making the matter not straightforward

### Disbursements will be charged in addition to our fees. For this type of work, we expect the following disbursements to be incurred:

Disbursement	Fee
Probate application fee	£155.00 (likely to change in April 2019)
Bankruptcy-only Land Charges Dept searches	£2.00 per beneficiary
Post in The London Gazette (protects against unexpected claims from unknown creditors)	£82.50 (inc of vat)
Post in a Local Newspaper (this varies depending on the newspaper). This also helps to protect against unexpected claims	£96.00 (inc of vat)
Potential Disbursements	Fee
Accountant fees	tbc
Tax advisor fees	tbc
Valuation fees (for IHT purposes)	tbc
Counsel's fees if opinions are sought	tbc

## Additional Information

In this scenario we will be very happy to give a detailed quote based on the circumstances, once we are aware of the work that is required.

## Our people that can do this type of work:



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I assist clients with succession issues and Inheritance Tax planning, to include the preparation of Wills and advising on trusts.

I also deal with estate administration, particularly complex estates, and advise on Power of Attorney matters. I am a member of STEP (Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners).

I qualified as a Chartered Legal Executive in 2010 and have worked on over 500 matters of this type.



**JOANNE CHAPMAN**  
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I advise on a wide range of Private Client matters including Wills, Probate, Lasting Power of Attorneys and Inheritance Tax Planning.

Whilst regularly advising on succession issues and steps to limit IHT, both in relation to Wills and as part of a broader planning strategy, I have a particular experience in assisting executors and administrators with Grant of Probate applications and administering large and complex Estates. I am also an affiliate member of STEP (Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners).

I qualified as a Solicitor in 2014 and have worked on over 100 matters of this type.