

Tanfield Chambers

Inheritance Act Advices

The Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975 (“the Act”) protects spouses (including former spouses), cohabitants, children and other dependants when a person dies without leaving sufficient money for the dependant’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 against the estate under the Act.

Timescales

Timescales for your written advice may vary depending on factors such as barristers’ availability, the value and complexity of the deceased person’s estate, your financial needs and those of any beneficiary of the estate. However, you should note that claims under the Act must be made within six months of the grant of probate or letters of administration, so as a guide your written advice will be available within two to four weeks, where possible. If you instruct one of our barristers, our clerks will agree a timescale with you.

Fees

We may charge fixed fees, which means that we will charge you a set amount of money for the written advice. We provide estimates below based on the ranges of fixed fees for barristers in Tanfield Chambers, in cases where the deceased person’s estate is worth less than £300,000. The fees quoted below do not include VAT (where applicable).

If we charge fixed fees, these 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. If the deceased person’s estate is particularly complex, your fees may also be higher than the estimate below.

Written advice	Range of fixed fees (estimate)
Written advice on making or defending a claim (where the deceased person’s estate is worth less than £300,000)	£1,000 + VAT – £5,000 + VAT
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All information is correct as of 6 September 2021, but fees are estimates only. For a quotation, please contact the clerks on 020 7421 5300 or e-mail clerks@tanfieldchambers.co.uk. Please also contact the clerks if the deceased person's estate is worth more than £300,000.

If we charge fees at an hourly rate, they will vary according to the experience of the barrister and the amount of time it will take the barrister to complete the work.

Written advice	Range of hourly rates (estimate)
Written advice on making or defending a claim (where the deceased person's estate is worth less than £300,000)	£150 + VAT – £500 + VAT

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