

# **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 October 2023)

				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	
Greater than	£15,000	but no more than	£50,000	5% of the value of the
Greater than	£50,000	but no more than	£100,000	claim

#### Our fees bands

Debt Value	Bands (plus VAT)
Up to £5,000	£500- £1,500
£5,001 - £10,000	£500-£4,000
£10,001 - £50,000	£750-£7,500

## 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.

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.

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.

#### 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.

## **Our Debt Recovery team**

Joseph Oates (Partner)

All fees are correct as of October 2023.