

## **Inheritance Act Advice**

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.

### **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. 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.

### **Fees**

We may charge fixed fees. This means that we will charge you a set amount of money for the written advice. Below is our table of estimates for this work, based on the ranges of fixed fees for our barristers, where the deceased person's estate is worth less than £300,000. All fees include VAT (where applicable).

If we charge a fixed fee, 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 especially complex, your fees may also be higher than the estimate below.

### **Additional Costs**

There are also likely to be additional costs for time spent in correspondence via telephone/video conferences or drafting documents. The cost will be fixed and agreed in advance based upon the barrister's hourly rate. Click here to see other likely additional costs (<https://www.lslawchambers.co.uk/additional-costs>)

Stage of Case	Range of fixed fees (estimate)
Written advice on making or defending a claim	£750-£3000
Conference – face-to-face	£350-£1500
Advising telephone/video conference	£350-£1500
<p><b>Contact Us</b></p> <p>All information is correct as of 01/05/2022, but fees are estimates only. For a quotation, please contact the clerks on: 0207 732 9973, or e-mail: <a href="mailto:londonsouth.chambers@yahoo.co.uk">londonsouth.chambers@yahoo.co.uk</a></p> <p>Please also contact the clerks if the deceased person's estate is worth more than £300,000.</p>	