### **Six Pump Court Chambers (Stuart Jessop - Barrister)**

# Public Access – Licensing Applications and other licensing hearings (Businesses)

**Stuart Jessop** can advise you on the following licensing applications for your business: licenses for the sale or supply of alcohol, Temporary Event Notices, variation of licences, and reviews and revocations. Stuart Jessop\_can also represent you when your application is heard by the local authority licensing committee, and in any appeal to the Magistrates' Court or further appeal by way of case stated or claim for judicial review in the High Court..

#### **Timescales**

Timescales for my service may vary depending on factors such as my availability, the complexity of your application and the need for additional documents as well as when cases are listed by licensing authorities and courts, as applicable. As a guide,

written advice on your application will be available within two to four weeks where possible. Hearing dates for local authority licensing committees are set in advance, and **Stuart Jessop** will aim to represent you on your preferred hearing date where possible. As a guide, licensing hearings heard by the local authority are usually heard within a few weeks of an application being made or a review being conducted. There will not always be a hearing required. Appeals to the magistrates' Court against a decision of the local authority will normally take a few months to be heard and completed. However, there is likely to be more than one hearing, usually at least two, before the matter is finally resolved. If the local authority licensing committee refuses your application or suspends or revokes your licence, appeals must be made to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days.

Court fees are payable to the court on appeals and any legal challenge made to the High Court (see the court and tribunal fees section of the government website).

#### **Fees**

I may charge fixed fees, which means that you will be charged a set amount of money for the work. Below I have provided <u>estimates</u> based on average fixed fees for my work. All fees exclude VAT (where applicable).

If you are charged fixed fees, these may vary depending on your needs – for example, your fees may be towards the higher end of the range if you need more detailed advice and/or you have a more complex or voluminous application, legal challenge or appeal. If you have a particularly complex application, your fees may also be higher than the estimates below.

Costs may be payable by you to the opposing party if you lose your case and although costs can sometimes be applied for if successful there is no guarantee that costs will be awarded to you.

Stage of case	Ranges of fixed fees (estimates)	
Written advice on your application	£1000 - £5000 (depending on complexity	
	<ul> <li>certain very large cases can be more)</li> </ul>	
Preparation, including meetings with you and	£2000= £5000 plus	
assistance with drafting of application and where the case is an appeal to the magistrates' court includes skeleton	(depending on complexity and volume)	
arguments and all other preparation		

(including assistance with statements and preparing bundles for appeals)	
Local authority licensing committee hearing	<u>£1500-3000</u>
Appeal to the Magistrates' Court – initial	£1500- £2500
hearing	
Appeal to the Magistrates' Court – full	£2000-£3500 per day
hearing	

## Contact Us

All information is correct as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020, but fees are <u>estimates only</u>. For a quotation, please contact the clerks on 020 7797 8400 (or e-mail <u>clerks@6pumpcourt.co.uk</u>).

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Stage of case	Ranges of hourly rates (estimates)	
Written advice on your application	££300 per hour (the number of hours	
	required will depend on the case and its	
	complexity. This can range from a	
	couple of hours to several hours or even	
	days.	
Preparation, including meetings with you and	£300 per hour (again this can range from	
assistance with drafting of application	as little as a day to several days	
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	<u>itself.)</u>	
Local authority licensing committee hearing	£300 per hour, includes waiting and	
	conferences on the day of the hearing	
	(travel £300 per hour) Hearings can laste	
	between 1 to several hours and can	
	sometimes last longer than one day	
	although this is not the most frequent	
	<u>time period.</u>	
Appeal to the Magistrates' Court – initial	£350 per hour	
hearing	With travel this hearing is likely to last	
nearing	approximately 4 hours.	
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Appeal to the Magistrates' Court – full	£400 per hour. This hearing can last from	
hearing	a half a day plus travel to a full day or	
	more than one day. In addition,	
	sometimes the court will adjourn a case	
	or either party will ask for a case to be	
	adjourned to be heard on another day. If	
	this occurs this day will be charged	
	either at the agreed fixed fee or the	
	agreed hourly rate as well as the new	
	date on the same biases.	