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### Six Pump Court Chambers

#### ***Public Access – Inheritance Act Claims***

The Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) 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 in their will or under the intestacy rules. I can provide you with written advice on whether you can make a claim under the Act and I can also provide you with written advice when a person dies and you are a beneficiary or executor of an estate, but someone else makes a claim under the Act.

#### ***Timescales***

Timescales for your written advice may vary depending on factors such as my availability, the value and complexity of the deceased person's estate, your financial needs and those of any beneficiary of the estate. However, claims under the Act must be made within six months of the grant of probate, so as a guide any written advice will be available within two to four weeks where possible.

#### ***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 estimates based on average fixed fees for my work. All fees also are charged VAT on top of the amounts set out below (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 case. If you have a particularly complex case, your fees may also be higher than the estimates below. My fees are also determined by other factors, such as the time needed to travel to hearings and how organised the documents might be.

Your case may require charging on an hourly basis, in which case my fees of £250 plus VAT per hour will apply.

#### ***Stage of case***

Advice on issuing or defending an Inheritance Act claim  
Assistance with completion of forms and procedural steps  
Preparation for and attendance at court hearing

#### ***Estimates of fixed fees***

£1,000 – £2,000  
£750 – £3,000  
£2,000 – £6,000

#### ***Contact***

All information is correct as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022, but fees are estimates only. For a quotation, please contact my clerks on 020 7797 8400 (or e-mail [clerks@6pumpcourt.co.uk](mailto:clerks@6pumpcourt.co.uk)).