**Residential Purchase Freehold and Leasehold**

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| **The Service** | Acting for you in respect of your purchase of a residential property:As part of this service, we will:* Provide you with a dedicated and experienced team to work on your matter
* Take your initial instructions
* Receive and advise on contract documents
* Carry out searches upon receiving money on account for the cost of the same
* Make any necessary enquiries of Seller's Solicitor
* Report to you on all documents and information received
* Send final contract to you for signature
* Agree completion date (the date from which you own the property)
* Exchange contracts and notify you that this has happened
* Advise you of the monies needed for completion
* Complete your purchase (the day you collect the keys for your new property)
* Deal with payment of Stamp Duty/Land Tax
* Deal with the application for registration at the Land Registry
* Send you your registration documents once the registration formalities have been concluded
* Please note this fee is based on all documents, and communications being sent to you electronically.

In relation to leasehold properties, we will also:* Review your Lease and report to you on the terms of the Lease.
* Advise you of any additional costs required pursuant to the Lease in respect of landlord/ managing agents/ management company involved, as appropriate.
* Advise on service charge and ground rent pursuant to the Lease.
* Make enquiries with the Landlord or their agents via the Seller’s Solicitors in respect of the arrangements for management/ maintenance of the building in which your leasehold property is located, including communal parts.

If you are buying with the assistance of a mortgage, additional fees will apply to include the following services:* Checking finances are in place to fund your purchase and contact lender's solicitors if required
* Review the conditions of your mortgage offer with you, including a report on the mortgage
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| **Average timescales** | How long it will take from your offer being accepted until you can move into your new home will depend on several factors. The average process takes between 6 to 8 weeks to exchange from receiving the contract, and a further 2 weeks before completion, dependent on all parties involved being agreeable to the completion date. It can be slower depending on the parties in the chain. For example, if you are, purchasing a new build property or property sold through probate, it could take several months to complete. If you are buying a leasehold property that requires an extension of the lease, this can take significantly longer. In such, a situation additional charges would apply.  |
| **What is the Estimated Fee**  | Our fee for dealing with a normal conveyancing property purchase is:£1,575 plus VAT if your purchase price is less than £250,000£1,685 plus VAT if your purchase price is between £250,001- £400,000.£1,795 plus VAT if your purchase price is between £400,001 and £500,000.£2000 plus VAT if your purchase price is between £500,001 and £750,000.£2,500 plus VAT if your purchase price is between £750,001 and £1,000,000.For purchases with a purchase price over £1,000,000, we will confirm the fee based on the circumstances of that transaction and start from £2750 plus VAT and on average are between 0.2 and 1% of the purchase price. Please contact us for your bespoke quote.For Leasehold properties we charge an additional £450 plus VAT. If you are buying with the assistance of a mortgage, we charge an additional fee of £350 plus VAT, assuming the mortgage is being provided by a high-street lender. We will charge a panel management fee of between £25-£35 plus VAT if you are obtaining a mortgage where the lender requires the firm to be included on their approved panel to handle the legal aspects of the transaction on their behalf using a portal managed by a panel manager.You should note that for all new clients of the firm, we will conduct an electronic ID search for Anti Money Laundering compliance. The administrative fee for arranging these checks is £50 plus VAT.If we are arranging the transfer of funds electronically, we will charge a fee for the time involved in arranging each transfer, for example sending completion money to your Seller’s Solicitors on completion, the cost of this and the amount we pay to the bank for the transfer is £35 plus VAT for each transfer. Additional fees may apply in instances that fall outside of the normal conveyancing transaction. Please see the Potential Additional Fee section below.  |
| **Information on Estimated Fees**  | Your fee will reflect the work involved in your transaction. Our fee assumes that:* This is a normal conveyancing transaction and no unforeseen matters arise, including for example (but not limited to) a defect in title which requires remedying prior to completion or the preparation of additional documents ancillary to the main transaction.
* This is the assignment of an existing lease and not the grant of a new lease in leasehold purchases.
* The transaction is concluded in a timely manner and no unforeseen complication arises.
* All parties to the transaction are co-operative and there is no unreasonable delay from third parties providing documentation.
* No indemnity policies are required. Additional disbursements may apply if indemnity policies are required.
* Your transaction will be undertaken by a lawyer supported by various other members of the team. If you require a designated lawyer/ fee earner to deal with your transaction additional fees may apply to suit your needs and service requirements.
* No face-to-face meetings are required during the course of your transaction, save for any initial meeting in respect of identification and taking initial instructions.

There may be additional documents and, requirements of your specific purchase, based on the documentation required to transfer the title into your name or to deal with specific parties involved in your transaction. We have set out in the **Potential Additional Fees** section situations that may arise which would attract additional fees. We will of course notify you of any additional costs and disbursements before they are incurred. Please note that if for any reason we are unable to proceed or you choose to close your matter after you have instructed us, you will still be charged for any work (including additional work) that we have carried out.Preferential rates may apply to returning clients and those who are recommended to us by one of our business partners. Please contact us to find out more about any discounts that may be applicable.  |
| **Likely disbursements and recharges/ expenses (these are costs related to your matter that are payable to third parties. We handle the payment of the disbursement on your behalf to ensure a smoother process)** | * Searches £ 350 (plus VAT)
* Land Registry Priority Searches £7 (no VAT)
* Bankruptcy Searches (£2 per person purchasing (no VAT))
* HM Land Registry Fee- this will depend on the purchase price of your property. You can calculate the amount you will need to pay by using HMLR’s website <http://landregistry.data.gov.uk/fees-calculator.html>
* Stamp Duty Land Tax- this will depend upon the purchase price of your property. You can calculate the amount you will need to pay by using the HMRC’s website

<https://www.gov.uk/stamp-duty-land-tax/residential-property-rates> |
| **Potential Additional Disbursements** | * In Leasehold matters we may also need to pay a fee to the landlord's solicitors or their Agents in respect of the Notice of Transfer/ Charge. This cost varies from one property to the next, depending on the fees confirmed in the Lease/ agreed with the Landlord. We will advise you of this cost, however this usually ranges between £10-£150 per Notice plus VAT.
* In leasehold matters, your Lease may require a Deed of Covenant. The Landlord/ Management Company/ Agent may charge a fee for registering this document with them on completion of your purchase. We will advise you of this cost, if appropriate, however, the cost could range between £75 to £250 plus VAT.
* In leasehold matters, it may be required, as a term of your Lease that you require a Certificate of Compliance from the Landlord/ Managing Agent/ Company. The fee will be confirmed to you once we have reviewed the Lease and made enquiries with the Landlord/ Management Company/ Agent, however, the cost could range from £75 to £250 plus VAT.

You should note that these disbursements can vary from property to property and can on occasion be significantly more than the ranges given above. We can give you an accurate indication of costs once we have had sight of the specific documents for your purchase. Other disbursements may apply depending on the terms of your Lease. We will update you on the specific fees upon receipt and review of the Lease from the Seller’s Solicitors.  |
| **Potential Additional Fees** | We always provide clients with a fee estimate at the start of each new matter, therefore if you would like a bespoke estimate for your particular matter/ case please contact us to discuss. If your case involves unexpected complications, we will inform you, including any additional fees that may apply, so that you can make an informed decision as to how to proceed. You should be aware that additional fees will apply in the following situations:* Acting for an additional lender
* If your lender wishes for another legal representative to act for them
* Administering Service Charge Retentions in leasehold matters
* Administration Fees if you require your documents by post.
* Approving a lease extension
* Approval of a tenancy Agreement
* Additional bank transfer costs (per transfer)
* Administration fees for unpaid cheques
* Administration costs for cheques stopped at the client's request
* Completion is required within 7 days of exchange of contracts
* Dealing with a share of freehold
* Dealing with sitting tenants or occupiers
* Dealing with third-party lawyers, e.g. in a matrimonial dispute
* Dealing with trust property
* Deed of Covenant
* Deed of Easement
* Deed of Gift- per gift
* Deed of Grant or variation
* Deed of Guarantee
* Drafting a Statutory Declaration or Statement of Truth
* File Retrieval after completion from storage
* General Power of Attorney
* Investigating bankruptcy Entry
* Land Registry Restriction (each)
* Leasehold Property supplement
* Letter of Postponement or Deed of Postponement
* Liaising with a Trustee in Bankruptcy
* Mutual Deed of Covenant for flying freehold
* Dealing with New Build Properties
* Obtaining Indemnity Insurance (each)
* Purchase at an undervalue
* Registration at Companies House
* SDLT supplemental fee
* Shared Equity/ Help to Buy
* Shared Ownership
* Simultaneous exchange and completion
* Staircasing
* Unregistered land
* Voluntary First Registration for a sale property
* The transaction involves a freehold property on a private estate

This list is not exhaustive, and if there are additional fees that you may incur we will inform you in advance. In addition to our legal fees for some items above you may incur an associated disbursement, such as additional Land Registry Fees, or Landlord Fees (if appropriate). We will inform you accordingly.  |
| **VAT** | The prevailing VAT rate stands at 20% |