

## Panel Solicitor Fee Schedule

Please ensure that you also read the accompanying Notes to this fee schedule, overleaf.

Transaction	Fee (£)	
Property purchase (maximum value of £250,000) with no borrowing involved	1,500	
Property purchase (maximum value of £500,000) with no borrowing	2,100	
Property purchase (maximum value of £750,000) with no borrowing	2,650	
Property purchase (value over £750,000) with no borrowing involved	2,650 plus 0.5% of purchase price in excess of £750,000	
As above but with borrowing (additional fee assuming we act for the bank)	500	
As above but with borrowing (additional fee if independent solicitors act for the bank)	750	
Grant of Lease (rent up to £25,000 per annum)	750	
Grant of Lease (rent over £25,000 per annum)	750 plus 3% of rent in excess of £25,000 per annum	
Side letter in conjunction with grant of lease	275	
Obtaining Lender's consent to the grant of lease (if applicable)	200	
Property Sale (no borrowing) (value up to £250,000)	1,400	
Property Sale (no borrowing) (value between £250,000 and £500,000)	1,900	
Property Sale (no borrowing) (value between £500,000 and £750,000)	2,500	
Property Sale (no borrowing) (value over £750,000)	2,500 plus 0.4% of sale price in excess of £750,000	
Additional fee for discharge of mortgage on property sale	250	
Co-Ownership Agreement	500	
Syndicate Agreement (less than 10 parties)	750	
Syndicate Agreement (10 – 20 parties)	1,200	
In-specie transfer (no borrowing involved)	950	
In-specie transfer (with borrowing)	1,300	
Agreement for Surrender	750	
Deed of Surrender	500	
Rent Deposit Deed	500	
	<b>Connected</b>	<b>Unconnected</b>
Licence for alterations	550	750
Licence to assign	600	950
Licence for underletting	600	950
Deed of Variation to Lease	600	750

### Notes:

1. The fee scale assumes a single let freehold building. If the property is existing leasehold there will be an additional charge of £350 on a purchase. A separate estimate will be provided if the property is to be acquired by way of the grant of a new long lease.
2. The fee for the grant of Lease assumes it is to be granted simultaneously on completion of the purchase of the property to a connected party. **A separate estimate will be provided for the grant of a lease to a third party or a separate lease transaction.**
3. The fee for a property purchase assumes either cash or in-specie contribution.
4. The fee for an in-specie transfer assumes that no certificate of title will be provided and limited due diligence will be undertaken.

### Hourly Rates

Fee Earner	Hourly Rate (£)
Partner	410
Associate	260
Paralegal	185
Trainees	170

- 1 We reserve the right to review the fixed fees after 12 months and the hourly rates on 1st May each year but they will not necessarily be increased on such review.
- 2 VAT and disbursements will be charged in addition to these amounts.
- 3 Abortive transactions will be charged on the basis of recorded time subject to 75% of the maximum fee.
- 4 These fees do not include specialist planning, tax, environmental or construction advice.
- 5 The fees assume that the matters proceed without delay or unforeseen complication or negotiation.

## Panel Solicitors

Our options for purchasing a property with your SIPP have been designed to be as flexible and streamlined as possible. As part of these options, our panel of solicitors has been carefully selected for their experience of dealing with property transactions within a pension scheme environment and we have a choice of solicitors for transactions across Scotland, England and Wales.

We have worked closely with these companies to put in place streamlined processes for their appointment and ongoing transactions. Please see below for further details on each of our panel partners.

## birketts

Birketts LLP is a long established and highly successful law firm with offices in Ipswich, Norwich, Cambridge, Chelmsford, Sevenoaks and London. Most of their teams are ranked in the leading legal directories and they are ranked 48 by Law.com, with a headcount of over 1000 people, including over 100 partners.

The Birketts' property team is one of the best regarded and largest dedicated property teams within any firm outside London, numbering over 140 specialists. They are involved with all types of property transactions, supported by colleagues with construction, tax, planning and litigation expertise where necessary. The depth and range of expertise means the team can work on major and complex transactions and also deal with high volume and bulk transactions.

Birketts' specialist and dedicated SIPP property team is led by Oliver Crichton and deals with all elements of commercial property transactions involving SIPPs to include acquisitions, disposals, in specie transfers, leases, asset management work and mortgages.

Birketts' SIPP team is 17 strong with 14 lawyers and collectively they have over 60 years' experience working within the SIPP industry. This gives them a full understanding of the regulations faced our clients and also their day-to-day challenges.

Birketts' pride themselves on delivering high quality levels of expert service and providing their clients with true value for money.

## *gunnercooke*

gunnercooke is an award-winning full service law firm, founded in 2010, to challenge, improve and evolve the way that legal services are delivered. At present, we are more than 225 expert partners, operating nationally and internationally via offices and hubs. In November 2018, we were delighted to be named Large Law Firm of the Year at The Law Society Excellence awards, in recognition of the services we deliver to our clients.

Our Real Estate team comprises some of the most senior advisors in the market. We work with developers, traders, corporate occupiers, investors and investment funds and lenders, and there are few scenarios that our team will not have encountered. We take a commercial approach, taking time at the outset to understand our clients' objectives and timescales, and to meet them on time and within budget.

Our aim is to develop a long-term relationship with each of our clients and to become a trusted advisor. In fact, our clients have rated us with an NPS score of +84, placing us at the highest end of global law companies in recognition of excellent client service.

The Real Estate team have worked closely with some of the largest SIPP and SSAS providers advising on all aspects of property matters including co-ownership structures

## **+McKees**

Their Pension Property team is led by Andrea McCann, who has 20 years experience working in SIPP and SSAS commercial property work. Their team acts for a number of leading SIPP and SSAS providers in the UK for their Northern Ireland property portfolios either on an exclusive panel appointment or a preferred recommended solicitor basis. They are proud of their working relationship with their SIPP and SSAS provider clients, IFAs and members. Their team can also offer finance and lending support, being a panel firm for all local banks.

Their expertise includes commercial property purchases and sales, in-specie transfers, leases and lease renewals, property litigation including rent arrears and unauthorised payments, SIPP and SSAS lending and loan back schemes.

## SDM

Shean Dickson Merrick solicitors are an established commercial and private client firm in practice for over one hundred years. Based in the heart of Belfast city centre, they cover the whole of Northern Ireland. They have acted for a number of large pension providers, resulting in a known reputation in the pension property field and close ties with financial advisors in the province. They are often the first port of call to assist with queries or unusual cases.

All cases are handled by one of the directors in the firm, who have vast experience in this field, to include property acquisitions (both SIPP and SSAS), securitisation of property, leases and multi member agreements. They are more than happy to have initial contact with prospective members up front, which can often provide clarification and assistance at an early stage.

The lead contact in the firm for pension queries is Alan Wilson.



The Team at Thorntons Law has over 25 years of combined experience working with pension property transactions, delivering the skills, knowledge and expertise you would expect from your chosen legal advisors. We always provide our clients with first-class, transparent advice that is particularly pertinent in this area of law. We can act on property investments anywhere in Scotland and England/Wales.

We have comprehensive experience of:

- Purchases of property into, and sale of property out of, pension funds
- Transferring properties out of or into pension funds (in-specie transfers)
- Leasehold property management, including leases, licences, renunciations/surrenders, assignments/assignments, subletting, and other estate management requirements
- Borrowing against and securing charges over pension property, and
- Property litigation support.
- We also understand Land and Buildings Transaction Tax (Scotland) and Stamp Duty Land Tax (England/Wales) as they relate to purchases etc. of pension property.



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Morton Fraser MacRoberts deals with properties in England, Wales and Scotland. It is a thriving, top four Scottish law firm delivering clear advice to businesses, the public sector, individuals and families. With over 500 people in the firm, they provide highly rated legal services across the UK. Their people work from offices in Edinburgh and Glasgow, advising clients throughout the UK as well as internationally.

The firm has one of the country's top rated Commercial Real Estate Divisions, covering all aspects of commercial real estate work and servicing all client requirements in this sector. Morton Fraser MacRoberts also has its own dedicated Property in Pensions team – one of the largest of its kind in the country – which acts for a large number of SIPP, SSAS and other pension providers, structures and arrangements throughout the United Kingdom, and has extensive experience in this field built up over many years.

The Property in Pensions team acts in all types of pension real estate transactions, from all aspects of property acquisition, management, leasing and disposal to funding/security models and syndication and multi-member arrangements.

Morton Fraser MacRoberts completes hundreds of SIPP/SSAS transactions every year, delivering clear technical advice and keeping to agreed fee levels and timescales to meet each client's requirements.