



# Road Traffic Offenses

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Petherbridge Bassra is a Bradford firm helping clients with cases close to home, nationally and internationally. These pages will tell you what we do and how we do it and naturally we will highlight what we consider to be our virtues. But beyond that, the staff of Petherbridge Bassra take pride in their work and care about their clients' cases and the reputation of the firm. As a result, others know to take this firm seriously and more importantly to consider your case seriously, because they know- we mean business.

You have our assurance that we will give you the best that we can give and treat you openly and with respect and compassion.

Lawyers can be human too.

**We are in it together.**



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## Introduction

Driving is an essential part of everyday life. Road Traffic Law is increasingly complex and difficult and carries with it significant penalties. The consequences of penalty points and/or disqualification can be devastating. The Specialist Road Traffic Team at Petherbridge Bassra are pro-active in fighting client cases whether conducting a case to trial and mounting a challenge to technical evidence or offering the best possible arguments to the Court to avoid fines, points or disqualification.

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Road Traffic offences cover a very wide spectrum from minor offences to the most serious allegations of Causing Death by Dangerous Driving. In most cases points are awarded against the Licence. The award of points over a period of time can lead to serious problems with the potential for disqualification. It is important therefore to consider each and every time when a fine and points might be awarded against your Licence as at the time it may not appear to be a significant penalty but later on if further points accumulate the risk of disqualification can be considerable.

Advice, assistance and representation are provided in the Youth, Magistrates, Crown and Appeal Courts. Access to experts who may be required to provide reports about key elements to your case can be called upon. No stone will be left unturned to protect your Licence.

Our Road Traffic Law Department covers the following areas:

- Careless Driving
- Construction and Use
- Dangerous Driving
- Death by Dangerous Driving
- Drink Driving
- Driving Disqualified
- Driver Identification
- Driver's Hours
- Drunk in Charge
- Failing to Stop/Report
- Insurance
- Speeding
- Speed Camera/Radar
- Tachographs
- Taxi Drivers
- Totting Up
- Traffic Signs
- Exceptional Hardship
- Special Reasons

## Saving Your Licence

The greatest concern arising where there is a potential for points and disqualification. With that in mind there are two key defence arguments.

### Special Reasons

Even where you might have to plead Guilty to an offence it is not always the case that the Court must impose a disqualification, points or fine. The Court has discretion to avoid such penalties even in Drink Driving cases where a disqualification is mandatory.

### Exceptional Hardship

"Totting-up" arises where a driver accumulates 12 or more points in a 3 year period. As such the driver is subject to a minimum 6 month disqualification. However, where it can be established that "exceptional hardship" would follow such a disqualification a Court may be persuaded not to impose the disqualification or to shorten the period of the disqualification to less than 6 months.

In both cases preparation of the arguments must be carefully evaluated and considered and it may be a case that documentary or expert evidence is necessary. In Court experienced advocacy will usually be required to succeed. In each of these special instances the Road Traffic Team at Petherbridge Bassra will be able to advise you as to the merits of mounting and presenting such an argument.



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**if you can**

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