

1 Birmingham County Court

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Getting to the Court

By Car On the M42 J5, turn left onto the A41 (Warwick Rd), through Solihull. Turn right onto A41 Stratford Rd and then turn left onto A34 Highgate Rd. At the roundabout go straight on, onto the A4540. At the junction turn right onto the A38, Bristol St. At the roundabout go straight on, A41 Suffolk St Queensway. Bear right onto Queensway A. Turn right down Livery St, past Birmingham Snow Hill station: there is a large car park here. Alternatively, turn right at the end of Livery St, onto Colmore Rd and there is an Excel car park on your right, opposite the Cathedral. Carry on along Colmore St and turn right into Newhall St for an NCP car park. To reach the Court, turn left at the end of Livery St and Bull St is the next right. The Court is near the end, on the left.

Snow Hill car park / Excel car parking/NCP

Approx £1 per hour



By Train Trains leave from London Euston for Birmingham New St every 20 mins, journey approx 1 hr 30 mins. Slower trains leave from London Marylebone for Birmingham Snow Hill infrequently. From New St station exit onto Stephenson St (towards the city centre) and turn right. Bear left and follow Stephenson St, along Corporation St, turning left into Bull St. The Court is on the right.

Euston Station

Taxi rank at station

10 mins walk

Quite trolley friendly

Understanding the Court

Days Open Mon–Fri.

Opening/Sitting Times Building 9.00–16.30. Court office 9.00–16.30. Court usually sits from 10.00.

Listings Busy Court so lengthy lists, mainly for 10.00 and 14.00. Hearings can be double booked. Video link/telephone hearings used.

Using the Court

Arriving Two security detectors and searches in operation, reception area on the ground floor. The court lists are displayed on the ground floor. Sign in with the usher's desk on the relevant floor. Lifts available.

Waiting Secure advocates' room with toilets and lockers on various floors. Waiting areas outside all court rooms. Vending machines on all floors but no canteen.

Preparing The civil court office (incl. payments) is on the 4th floor. The family court office is on the 3rd floor. The Admin, TCC, Chancery and Mercantile office are on the 5th floor. There are numerous interview rooms throughout the building on each floor, with further rooms available on request. The building has WiFi internet access, at a charge.

Performing 25 court rooms in total. Courts 1–2 1st floor, 3–8 2nd floor, 10–11 3rd floor, 12–17 5th floor, 18–25 6th floor. There is one jury court on the 6th floor.

Escaping the Court

Eating

No time? There are sandwich shops/cafes on Bull St opposite the court building.

More time? The main city centre surrounds the court and has plenty of bars/restaurants. Birmingham is famous for its Indian restaurants and Ithaas (0121 212 3383; www.ithaas.co.uk) north of Queensway A, was voted best restaurant by the Cobra Good Curry Guide in 2008.

Gourmet option? There are three restaurants in Birmingham with a Michelin star: Simpsons, open every day for lunch and dinner with a £30 set lunch menu including half a bottle of wine (0121 4543434; www.simpsonsrestaurant.co.uk); Purnell's has a three-course set lunch, including coffee, for £25 (0121 2129799; www.purnellsrestaurant.com); and Turner's offers three courses at lunchtime for £21.50 (0121 212 3383; www.turnersoffharborne.com).

Shopping

The court is in the city centre and the Great Western Arcade is on the corner of Bull St and Colmore St. Birmingham has its own jewellery quarter, northwest of Snow Hill station. Birmingham is also well known for its Bullring shopping centre, only a few minutes' walk from the court. There is a cashpoint on Bull St opposite the court building.

Attractions

Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery is a showcase for the city's rich heritage, while the jewellery quarter has its own museum. Birmingham Cathedral is in the heart of the city centre, and just to the West of the centre is the National Sea Life Centre.

Accommodation

To the north of Colmore Rd, not far from the court, is the boutique Hotel du Vin & bistro: 0121 2000600; www.hotelduvin.com. Burne Jones House Apartments provide art deco self-catering accommodation in the city centre: 0845 226 9831; www.citybaseapartments.com.

