### **Civil Disputes**

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DEALING WITH DISPUTES





HELPFUL TIPS ON CIVIL DISPUTES
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**Communication is key** 

We explain the importance

**Expect some turbulence** 

We explain your options

Keep records

What you need to understand

At My Law Matters we offer litigation advice to both business and individual clients. In doing so, we are able to tailor our approach, the advice and the assistance that we offer.



### **Disputes Between Businesses**

We appreciate that legal disputes are a fact of life for any business. Our aim is to reach a commercially effective resolution for you. We understand that avoiding periods away from the business, together with avoiding lengthy Court proceedings is often a major objective. Therefore, where possible and appropriate we will advise that litigation should be avoided, and seek to enter into negotiated settlements.

However, where a settlement is not appropriate or cannot be achieved, our team of experienced litigators will fight your corner and ensure that your ultimate interests are always protected.

We also understand that complex disputes will often require creative solutions. We appreciate that our focus should be on securing the most cost-effective resolution that works for you commercially. As a result, our experienced legal team will always act for you with the commercial realities of your business at the forefront of their minds.



Please call us for a FREE initial consultation on 0800 288 9947

Know Your Options



### **Our Commercial Practise Areas Include:**

- Commercial Contract Disputes
- Breaches of Duty
- Partnership Disputes
- Disputes Between Directors
- Shareholder Disputes
- Applications for Injunctive Relief
- Professional Negligence
- Judicial Review
- Landlord & Tenant Disputes
- Debt Recovery
- Employment Law







### **Personal Disputes**

If you're involved in a dispute, perhaps at work, with a neighbour or in relation to a product or service, you may be wondering where to turn to for help and advice. When disputes occur it is important that they are dealt with in a way which delivers a cost-effective solution that meets your objectives accordingly and gives you peace of mind.

Our team of qualified and experienced dispute resolution lawyers will discuss your concerns in order to better understand the issues and provide you with an effective strategy that will enable you to progress the matter efficiently.

### **Our Civil Practice Areas Include:**

- Property Litigation
- Mortgage Possession
- Debt Recovery
- Property Related Claims
- Claims Against Local Authorities and Public Bodies
- Breaches of Contract
- Residential Possession Claims
- Professional Negligence
- Sale of Goods
- Contentious Probate
- Claims Challenging the Validity of a Will
- Claims Arising out of the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents Act 1975)
- Claims Arising out of Trusts of Land and Beneficial Interests in Land



# Our top tips on the dispute resolution process

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### **Communication is key**

For many clients, litigation is a whole new territory. There is much to take in, to process, all against the backdrop of the dispute itself, which may be causing financial problems and emotional strain. Even if you have been involved in litigation in the past, the circumstances of the new case, or the claims you are bringing, may be very different from what you have experienced previously.

If there is something on your mind, ask your solicitor. You may think it's a silly question (and perhaps it is) but ask it all the same. The advice law firms provide should be catered to the specific needs of each client. Your questions will enable that advice to be more precisely tailored to you. But also bear in mind that, when speaking to your solicitor during office hours, you may wish to avoid talking about the football (or other favourite pastimes) or risk being charged for the pleasure.

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### **Expect turbulence**

Never forget that you are in a dispute. When you have issued a claim, the Defendant wants you to go away. Your opponent and their accursed legal team, therefore, have every interest in making your life as hard – and as expensive – as possible. They will resist when it seems crazy to resist. They will oppose when opposing is the act of a fool. And they will enjoy the moments that leave you most feeling enraged and disheartened.

Expect this. It will happen. And in expecting it to happen, its impact on you will be much diminished. You will see your opponent's behaviour for what it is: mere tactics. You will be able to laugh when the airplane is shaking, for you know that turbulence is nothing to worry about.

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### **Keep records**

Having a clearly written record of events and negotiations is essential for backing up your argument. This can include copies of all emails and notes relating to any meetings or phone calls. Parties without proper written records have more difficulty in effectively arguing their case and portraying an accurate version of events.



Speak to one of our experts

Call 0800 288 9947



### How can we help?

Whatever the grounds for a dispute, our civil litigation solicitors understand it can be daunting and stressful for all involved. We will ensure you are fully informed on the options available and will support you through every step of the dispute resolution and litigation process, including:

- Evaluating the strength of your claim and the likely outcomes.
- Ensuring you understand the costs involved and your funding options.
- Liaising with the other parties to fully establish the grounds for the dispute.
- Gathering evidence to substantiate your case.
- Attempting to resolve the dispute before going to Court.

### If litigation is required:

- Lodging your claim with the appropriate Court and serving it to the defendant OR lodging your intention to defend a claim.
- Establishing the timetable for proceedings as decided by the Court.
- Representing you in Court.
- Enforcing a judgement in your favour or lodging an appeal if necessary.



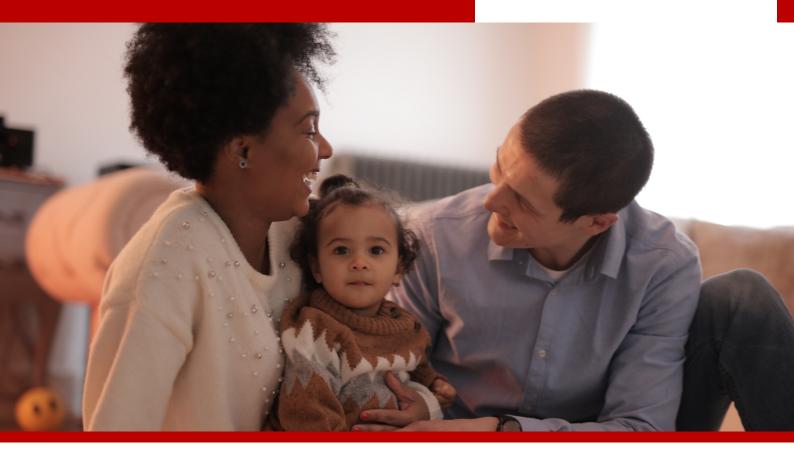
## Contact one of our civil dispute solicitors today

Our specialist civil litigation solicitors are based across the UK. At My Law Matters our team of experienced legal professionals are available to discuss your case in-house or over the phone.

If you are faced with a potential dispute, call for a free initial consultation today on **0800 288 9947.** 

# DID YOU KNOW WE ALSO OFFER THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:





#### **Family Law**

Divorce is possibly one of the most stressful life events you can go through, and one that can have a major impact on your family and finances if it isn't handled correctly. At My Law Matters we want you to have peace of mind by ensuring that you have the best legal advice so that you can make informed decisions.

### **Residential Conveyancing**

We understand that moving house can be stressful at the best of times but our highly trained conveyancing solicitors have years of experience and are committed to ensuring that everything runs smoothly wherever you are moving to. They will talk you through the process and guide you throughout, allowing you to oversee the work and keep track of progress.

#### **Probate & Estate Planning**

Feeling safe in the knowledge that you're being supported by a dedicated solicitor can make all the difference in dealing with challenges relating to wills and inheritance. For this reason, our team provides pragmatic and informed legal advice designed to offer you a maximum amount of legal insight and support.

### Will Writing & Lasting Power of Attorney

Shockingly, most adults in the UK do not have a Will. Without a Will you cannot control who is going to benefit from your estate.

At My Law Matters we make Will writing accessible and easy. Our solicitors are here to guide you through the process and ensure that your Will reflects your wishes.



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