

# HEWITSONS

## DISPUTES & LITIGATION



When disputes occur, clients want solicitors who are straightforward with them about the case, who will stand shoulder-to-shoulder to fight their corner, and who will find creative solutions where they exist. We have built our reputation on this approach.

We always add responsiveness, diligence and hard work to the mix, along with intelligence and an understanding of the commercial realities of a dispute. For individuals, institutions or businesses, an understanding of cost is always key.

Litigation costs can mount up, so we manage them by providing the right information and solutions.

The key to our services is “early stage” advice – where real value can be added to avoid disputes, manage risk and develop appropriate strategies in troubled business relationships.

Although most litigation involves a dispute of some sort, sometimes clients need court permission to act in a particular way. Our familiarity with a range of specialist disciplines gives clients an experienced resource to call on in both situations.

### Our services include:

- Early stage advice on disputes avoidance and managing risk.
- Pre-claim work, including the investigation and assessment of liability and claim values.
- Pre-action correspondence plus advice on appropriate dispute resolution procedures.
- A wide range of litigation in the English Civil Courts (from the County Court upwards).
- Litigation at first hearings and appeals.

- Acting in the criminal courts in a number of regulatory areas.
- ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) procedures.
- Representing clients at mediations, in arbitrations, in adjudications and in unassisted negotiations.
- Preparing and advising on settlement agreements.
- Support in foreign proceedings and advice on jurisdiction and governing law issues.

Disputes involve an array of issues and different industries and markets require different expertise. Our solicitors therefore include specialists in many fields including:

- Commercial litigation
- Contract disputes
- Real Estate litigation
- Employment disputes
- Debt and guarantee claims
- Professional negligence claims



- Intellectual property cases
- Trusts and probate litigation
- Shareholder disputes
- Judicial review and statutory challenges
- Company law proceedings
- Construction disputes
- Pensions, banking and other financial service disputes
- Insolvency matters
- Defamation
- Competition law investigations and proceedings
- Medical negligence
- Health and Safety

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