

PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE



DISPUTE RESOLUTION


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INITIAL INVESTIGATION FEE PACKAGES

LEVEL AND PRICE (SUBJECT TO VAT)	BASIC (£1,500 PLUS VAT)	ADVANCED (£3,000 PLUS VAT)
<p>Preliminary review of the issues and your claim An initial review of the claim to assess merits and to identify any immediate obstacle to bringing a claim (such as limitation deadlines).</p> <p>The Preliminary Review will consist of an examination of the relevant supporting documentation (not including the professional's file of papers) and a meeting* with you and an examination of your relevant supporting documentation.</p>	✓	✓
<p>Advice and strategy report A detailed written report setting out your legal options and our suggested strategy to pursue the claim. To include reviewing relevant documents (including the professional's file of papers up to a maximum of 200 pages) and discussing this with you. The report will be based upon our findings from the Preliminary Review and with reference to your specific circumstances.</p>		✓
<p>Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) guide ADR is an important aspect of any litigation and there could be adverse cost consequences if a party unreasonably refuses to engage. We have prepared a guide explaining the different forms of ADR, the ADR process and what parties might expect and the possible outcomes.</p>		✓
<p>Litigation guide We have prepared a specialist guide, explaining the litigation process and what to expect at each stage once court proceedings are issued.</p>		✓
<p>Further legal support If you opt for the Advanced package you will be entitled to additional professional guidance (up to one hour included) and support from our expert team.</p>		✓
<p>Option to increase further legal support.</p>		Agreed hourly rate + VAT

* can be provided via telephone, video or in person.



Whether home purchases, business financing, or investments, most of life's biggest moments will be supported by a professional adviser, but what happens if they let you down?

Professional advisers owe a duty of care to their clients. Professionals include: accountants, architects, barristers, brokers, solicitors and surveyors. If, having engaged a professional and they do not provide the service to the required standard, causing you financial loss, you may have a claim for professional negligence. Professionals are usually insured against negligence claims so the likelihood of recovering compensation from a successful claim is high.

Stephens Scown's specialist Professional Negligence team are experts in supporting clients and are dedicated to achieving the best outcome for you. Due to our wealth of experience bringing claims against a wide variety of professionals, we can ensure that you receive the best advice, no matter the complexity.

As a full-service law firm, we work closely with our other specialist teams in real estate (both commercial and residential), private client, our inheritance, trusts and disputes team, and our corporate colleagues. We also have strong links with local specialists who can provide an expert report to support your claim if needed.

We understand that having been failed by one adviser, immediately trusting another to make a claim can be a difficult step. For that reason, and unlike many other firms, we offer an initial assessment of your claim for a fixed fee. Fixing the fee in advance gives you peace of mind that the strength of your situation will be investigated and evaluated without any risk of an unexpectedly large invoice later.

FUNDING

We will examine relevant documents and information and provide an initial assessment of the merits of your potential claim for an initial fixed fee of between £1,500 and £3,000 plus VAT and disbursements, depending upon the level of fee package and support you require. Having carried out the initial investigation and discussed with you the merits of your claim, we will then explore the best way of funding your claim, whether it be via an existing legal expenses insurance policy, third party funding, private funding, a conditional fee agreement ("no win, no or low fee") or deferred payment arrangements. We will always seek to identify the arrangement that is best for your needs and circumstances.

KEY CONTACTS



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Richard is experienced in handling high value and complex claims against legal professionals, financial advisors, and accountants. Highlights include achieving a favourable settlement for a class of claimants pursuing claims against a firm of solicitors and a barrister.



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Toby has experience of acting for claimants against a wide range of professionals and has particular expertise in claims against legal professionals and financial advisers.



Catherine Mathews

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Catherine specialises in professional negligence claims against solicitors, barristers, accountants and financial advisers amongst other professionals. She has also developed a niche practice in negligence arising out of cyber fraud cases.



Jeremy Crook

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Jeremy has considerable experience of professional negligence and complex and high-value contractual disputes. Jeremy also advises on employment disputes and breach of restrictive covenant matters.



Gemma Mittell

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Gemma has considerable experience acting for claimants to bring claims against conveyancers, solicitors, pension advisers, accountants, financial advisers, surveyors and architects. Her key successes include settling a million pound claim against a conveyancer through mediation.



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Laura is experienced in dealing with professional negligence claims with a particular focus on claims against legal professionals who have provided negligent advice to their client.



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