



Woodgate & Co

Traditional Solicitors

Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution

All businesses will at some stage in their cycle be involved in disputes. This will range from routine, day to day issues, to substantial problems that threaten the survival of the business. Woodgate & Co's team of specialist commercial litigation and dispute resolution solicitors are ideally placed to advise clients at any stage of a dispute. We provide robust, clear and practical advice to our clients and aim always to understand their commercial needs and objectives.

Although our team has a wealth of experience, we understand the importance of exploring alternatives to litigation where possible and we will discuss with you whether formal mediation or other forms of alternative dispute resolution are appropriate. As a result, our team as a whole has extensive experience of mediation as an effective way of resolving disputes early and cost effectively.

Our specialist areas include:

- Arbitration
- Banking litigation
- Commercial fraud
- Contract disputes
- Corporate claims and shareholder disputes
- Debt recovery
- Insolvency-related disputes
- International disputes
- Intellectual Property
- IT disputes
- Judicial review
- Partnership disputes
- Professional negligence
- Property litigation
- Reputation management and media
- Restrictive covenants
- Search orders and supervising solicitors
- Tax
- Trust and inheritance disputes

Our Approach

Before suggesting that embarking on litigation is the appropriate course to obtain compensation or injunctive relief we advise our clients as to their options: whether to negotiate, mediate or engage in other forms of alternative dispute resolution. As with all of our legal advice we assist our clients in evaluating the merits of their case, consider the options and clarify the cost benefit analysis in plain English. In any action we take, we focus on realistically obtainable results in the tribunal or court on a commercial basis - we think innovatively. We recognise that litigation must be based soundly on commercial priorities to further safeguard commercial interests.

We aim to assist our clients in a number of ways: creating options, achieving realistic and attainable goals, and offering guidance to assist decision-making in a commercial context. We assist our corporate, industrial and commercial clients manage their internal processes; address regulatory compliance issues; provide legal advice on contracts and disputes which encompasses corporate structuring, framing and prepare business contracts; manage and assist resolving commercial disputes.

If you would like to discuss any potential Commercial Dispute, please contact Kirsten Woodgate or one of her team.



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