

A guide to

Civil Litigation



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The experienced members of our Litigation Team deal regularly with a whole raft of litigation matters. Without being exhaustive, these include:

- Accident claims
- Disputes over land
- Financial claims
- Residential and commercial landlord and tenant issues
- Inheritance disputes
- Consumer matters and insolvency.

These matters all have their independent and intrinsic statutory provisions and various regulations. Importantly, they will be covered by the specific obligations contained in the Civil Procedure 1998 and the various specific protocols that apply.

The overriding objective

Underpinning every matter is the overriding objective arising under the Civil Procedure Rules being an obligation for participants in a dispute to assist the Court to deal with cases justly and at a proportionate cost. Everyone has a positive duty to promote this and wherever practicable the Court must progress and manage the case:-

- (a) by ensuring the parties are on an equal footing;
- (b) by saving expense;
- (c) by dealing with the case proportionately given the amount involved, the important complexity of issues and the financial position of each party;
- (d) ensuring the case is dealt with expeditiously and fairly;
- (e) by allotting only to each matter an appropriate share of the Court's resources taking into account the needs of other Court users; and
- (f) enforcing compliance with rules, protocols, practice directions and orders.

Alternate dispute resolution

In the absence of a prompt negotiated settlement, and whilst accepting there are some cases that inevitably require the involvement of the Court, it is our experience, and our preference, that matters can normally be resolved by referring to some form of **alternate dispute resolution**.





The members of our Litigation Team always have this at the forefront of our minds and we have access to a range of other professionals who can assist including:-

- Mediators
- Arbitrators
- Barristers
- Other appropriate experts

Within any Court process, and the furtherance of the overriding objective, the Court expects the parties to consider alternate dispute resolution or, otherwise, to be prepared (with possibly costs sanction consequences) to explain why the same is not considered appropriate.

Timescales and costings

Whichever procedure is adopted, we will, at the earliest opportunity, provide you with an outline timescale of how long it is expected matters will take to resolve, provide detailed costs explanations and agree in each case how matters are to be financed.

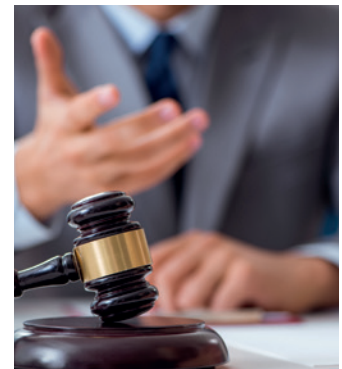
We would be pleased to meet with you to discuss any questions that you may have.

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We will then put you in touch with a member of our experienced Litigation Team.

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