

Dispute Resolution for Individuals



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Becoming involved in any dispute can be very difficult and time consuming for everyone involved. We can offer you comprehensive support throughout the entire process.

Our team of specialists has extensive experience of resolving a wide variety of disputes and claims, negotiating settlements and, where necessary, handling court proceedings. You can be assured that we will advise you on the best course of action and advise you on the strengths and weaknesses of a claim, whether it is being made by you or against you. We will do all we can to resolve your dispute swiftly and cost-effectively.

Personal injury

We can help you get the compensation you deserve. We know that an injury can have devastating physical, emotional and financial effects on you.

If you have had an accident or been injured as a result of another person's actions, you may have grounds to make a claim for damages. As well-established experts in this area, we will work to achieve the very best settlement for you. We will help you through the process, and manage your claim from start to finish.

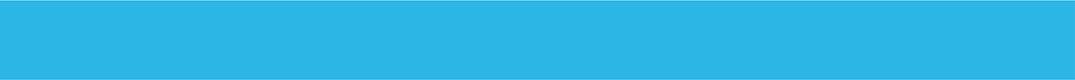
We have dealt with injuries ranging from minor ones to extremely severe ones including fatal accidents. We can help with claims for all types of accidents:

- on the road
- at work
- in a public place
- in the air
- at sea

Every case is different and the amount awarded depends on the particular circumstances.

Clinical negligence claims

At some time or another we are all likely to place our faith in the hands of medical professionals, whether under the National Health Service or privately. These professionals can, however, make mistakes with disastrous consequences. If such consequences are as a result of their negligence, a patient is entitled to compensation.



Clinical negligence cases are complex, and you need a solicitor with specific knowledge, skills and experience to deal with your claim. We will give you clear advice, handle all aspects of your case if you decide to make a claim and give you a realistic picture of the likely outcome.

Professional negligence claims

We appreciate that making a claim can be daunting, and we will do all we can to make the process as smooth and stress-free as possible. Our experienced professional negligence team acts for claimants in a wide variety of disputes against:

- Solicitors
- Valuers
- Accountants
- Other professionals

We understand that professional negligence claims can happen in many different circumstances and provide specialist advice that you need in order to decide whether or not to pursue your claim and what the possible outcomes are.

You can rely on our advice being practical and straightforward. We will provide you with a range of options, including how best to fund your claim.

Inheritance claims and Will challenges

Forrester Sylvester Mackett can offer you proven expertise in dealing with:

- Validity and challenging of Wills
- Where there is inadequate provision under intestacy or in a Will

In an ideal world everyone would have a Will. If a person dies without having a valid Will, their estate passes under the intestacy rules, which means that people who might reasonably have expected to benefit might not in fact do so. Therefore, we strongly recommend getting expert advice as soon as possible so that matters can be resolved quickly and to prevent claims becoming drawn out.

In some cases, inheritance claims can be made even when a valid Will has been made.

You may have grounds for challenging the validity of a Will if, for example, you believe there is a later Will, that the person who has died did not have the capacity to make it, or was influenced or pressurised by others when they did.

Contractual disputes

Contract law is seldom black and white, even when a written and signed contract is in place. Contract terms are often open to interpretation, and depending on the circumstances a term may not be enforceable.

We have considerable experience of cases involving contractual disputes. As every case is different we always give advice that is very specific to you. We will explain your options and suggest ways of resolving matters, with our focus on the terms that have been breached in the context of the contract as a whole.

Our Dispute Resolution Team



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Jeff's entire career has been devoted to helping individuals and businesses with a dispute or claim that has arisen. He joined the firm as a Consultant in 2010 and 2 years later became a Partner in the Litigation Department. Dealing with all types of disputes as well as Personal Injury and Clinical Negligence Claims, Jeff is a member of the Law Society Civil Justice Section and a member of the Association of the Personal Injury Lawyers.



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Matthew joined the firm as a graduate trainee solicitor in 1993 and qualified in 1995. He undertakes a wide range of work, mostly involving civil and family dispute resolution, with his broad experience helping him devise creative and cost-efficient settlement solutions. He is also the firm's finance partner and thoroughly enjoys helping to run the business. Matthew has completed several professional development courses in dispute resolution and family law.

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