



Agency and Advocacy



Southampton's premier law firm - providing a full range of legal services to individuals and businesses across the Solent region for over 190 years.

Our aim is simple...

**“To recognise and respond to our clients’ needs with prompt, clear and practical advice, based on a thorough knowledge of their situation.”**

**We have a long history of providing agency and advocacy services in a range of specialist areas.**

Our Dispute Resolution, Employment and Family law teams have a number of lawyers who are highly experienced and confident advocates, able to accept instructions on a wide variety of work types.

We can also provide trainees and paralegals to attend court hearings with Counsel.

## Dispute Resolution

Our practice covers all significant courts in the southern region. The two partners who lead the Dispute Resolution Department are “recognised experts” in commercial litigation (Legal 500 - 2008) We can help with all manner of work types both in the District Registry of the High Court and in the County Court, including:

Debt Collection

Insolvency

Interim applications

Mortgage Repossessions

Possession Actions

Recovery of Goods

Small Claims Arbitrations

Magistrates Court

- Prosecutions (particularly Regulatory Offences)
- Health and Safety
- Trading Standards
- Licensing

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## Employment

Our employment department has a huge wealth of experience in the employment tribunal and can accept all types of work in that forum, from representation at case management discussions and pre-hearing reviews to representation at full hearings (including complex, multi-day, discrimination or TUPE claims).

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## Family

Our Family team is recognised in Legal 500 and Chambers as the leading group of lawyers in the southern region.

We are able to accept instructions to deal with hearings at all levels up to and including trial in the following work types:

**Contested Divorce/ Dissolution  
of Civil Partnership**

**Ancillary Relief**

**Schedule 1 Children Act 1989**

**Section 8 Children Act 1989**

**Trust of Land and Appointment  
of Trustees Act 1996**

**Inheritance (Provision for Family  
and Dependents) Act 1975**

**Emergency Remedies**

Our team of advocates includes a large number of solicitors with many years of experience of advocacy in the County Courts.

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## Our charges

We charge on the basis of an hourly rate although are also able to agree capped fees for interim and final hearings, further details of which can be provided upon enquiry.

## Reporting

Irrespective of the nature of the instruction we shall report to you by telephone on the day of the hearing wherever possible and provide a full written note within 48 hours. Our policy is to provide excellent service and value.

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