

COMPLAINTS HANDLING PROCEDURE

Our policy

We are committed to providing a high-quality legal service to all our clients. When something goes wrong, we need you to tell us about it. This will help us to improve our standards.

Our complaints procedure

If you have a complaint, please contact us with the details.

What will happen next?

1. We will send you a letter acknowledging receipt of your complaint within three working days of us receiving the complaint, enclosing a copy of this procedure.
2. We will then investigate your complaint. This will normally involve passing your complaint to our Senior Partner, who will review your matter file and speak to the member of staff who acted for you. If the Senior Partner acted for you, we will pass your complaint to one of the other senior colleagues, the nominated party will be the Complaint Handler.
3. Our Complaint Handler will then invite you to a meeting to discuss and hopefully resolve your complaint. The Complaint Handler will do this within 14 days of sending you the acknowledgement letter.
4. Within three days of the meeting, the Complaint Handler will write to you to confirm what took place and any solutions he has agreed with you.
5. If you do not want a meeting or it is not possible/practical, the Complaint Handler will send you a detailed written reply to your complaint, including his suggestions for resolving the matter, within 21 days of sending you the acknowledgment letter/email.
6. At this stage, if you are still not satisfied, you should contact us again and we will arrange for someone unconnected with the matter at the firm to review the Complaint Handler's decision.
7. We will write to you within 14 days of receiving your request for a review, confirming our final position on your complaint and explaining our reasons.
8. If you are still not satisfied, you can then contact the Legal Ombudsman, P O Box 15870, Birmingham B30 9EB (www.legalombudsman.org.uk) about your complaint. Any complaint to the Legal Ombudsman must usually be made within six months of the date of our final decision on your complaint but for further information, you should contact the Legal Ombudsman (0300 555 0333) or refer to www.legalombudsman.org.uk.

If we have to change any of the timescales above, we will let you know and explain why.