

Litigation + Dispute Resolution Service



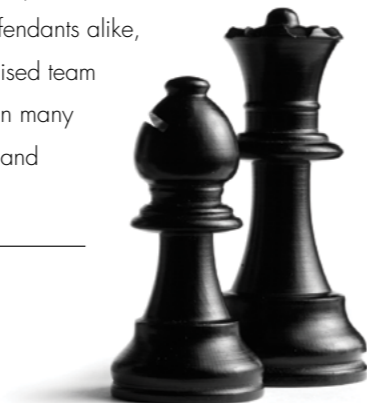
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There is no doubt that the number of civil and commercial litigation cases is rising. Cases have become increasingly complex too, demanding knowledge, insight and a considered response.

By drawing on our wide experience, we can give you a realistic assessment of your liability or likely compensation, and your chances of success; and we will always strive for the most cost-effective solution.

Our solicitors take a pragmatic and outcomes-focused approach from initial instructions through to representation in Court, with clients' commercial best interests and clear legal advice as the foundation of our approach.

At Heckford Norton we are pleased to act for both claimants and defendants alike, and our regionally recognised team works to resolve disputes in many areas for both individuals and businesses.



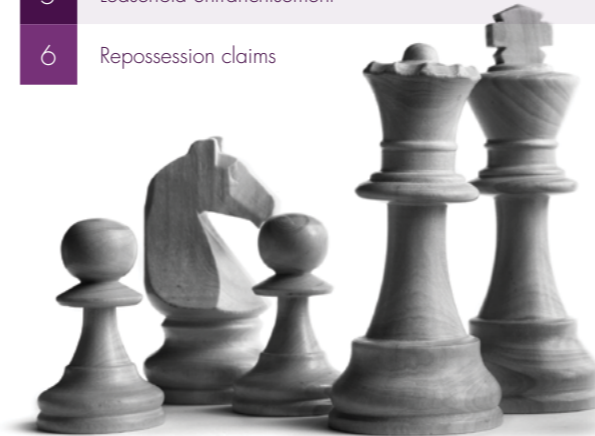
We frequently advise on:

Property disputes

We act for both commercial and residential landlords and tenants, owners and occupiers, developers and property management companies. We steer clients towards successful resolution of their issues while minimising their risk and costs.

We deal with the full spectrum of contentious property-related matters including:

- 1 Landlord and tenant matters (e.g. lease renewals, forfeiture, breach of covenants, recovery of rent arrears and service charges, dilapidations claims)
- 2 Adverse possession and the eviction of squatters
- 3 Boundary and neighbour disputes (e.g. nuisance)
- 4 Disputes over title or other property-related rights (e.g. covenants and rights of way)
- 5 Leasehold enfranchisement
- 6 Repossession claims



Debt recovery

Credit control is as crucial to business as attracting new customers, and our dedicated solicitors can assist you to recover what is owed to you.

We appreciate that when debtors fail to pay or continue to delay payment, you need swift and effective action. We also recognise the importance of handling this process in a way which is right for you and your business.

Pre-action correspondence is often enough to produce payment of a debt. However, should a debt become a contentious matter, our experienced solicitors will be happy to pursue your claim through Court proceedings.

We can also assist with:

- 1 Tracing of Debtors
- 2 Preparation & service of Statutory Demands
- 3 Enforcement of Judgments
- 4 Winding up of limited companies
- 5 Bankruptcy of individuals

Professional negligence

We advise and represent clients on claims for professional negligence against professionals such as Solicitors, Surveyors, Architects, Accountants and Financial Advisers.

Contentious probate

We can advise on the validity of Wills, and on lack of provision for dependants in Wills. We can also advise and act for you in contesting or defending an application for a Grant of Probate or Letters of Administration, and in proceedings for the removal of Executors or Administrators or challenging the way an estate has been administered.

Commercial litigation

Commercial disputes are an unwelcome distraction for businesses, that can result in financial loss, wasted time and damage to important business relationships. Our experienced commercial litigation solicitors will assess your situation before outlining a clear, cost-efficient strategy that stands the best chance of achieving your commercial objectives.

Where possible, the strategy will take advantage of alternative dispute resolution methods such as negotiations, arbitration and mediation. However, if litigation becomes necessary, then our commercial litigation team will guide you through the process, providing clear and practical advice at every stage.

Amongst other things, we can advise on:

- 1 Contract disputes
- 2 Company/shareholder/partnership disputes
- 3 Disputes with suppliers, contractors and customers
- 4 Return of goods claims