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## PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE

Many individuals and businesses receive advice from trusted advisers. Usually, the relationship with the adviser will go on without difficulty for years. From time to time, however, professional advisers do give poor advice causing loss, and we can help to put matters right.

Claims may be brought against professionals such as lawyers, accountants and auditors, surveyors and valuers, architects, financial advisers and tax advisers. In reality, these claims are generally dealt with by the adviser's insurers rather than by the adviser himself.

We have considerable experience of professional negligence claims against a range of professionals, often for substantial sums, and we have a very high success rate.

Professional negligence claims must initially follow the pre-action protocols which have been laid down, and we will guide you through that process. In essence, it is necessary to give the legal adviser a full statement of the claim and why it is being made, and then give the adviser a good opportunity to consider the position and respond.

If an acceptable outcome cannot be achieved at that stage, we will pursue litigation on your behalf. We will also look at ways to find the best resolution for you, including discussions and negotiations, joint settlement meetings and mediation. In some cases, arbitration is also appropriate.

Sometimes, the parties to the dispute regard confidentiality as an important factor, and in those cases alternative dispute resolution such as mediation can be preferable to an open court trial.

We will also advise you regarding making a formal complaint to the professional's governing body. Complaints can achieve outcomes which some clients find of value.

We will give you full advice in relation to the various funding options. We often pursue cases under Conditional Fee Agreements (also known as "No Win, No Fee" agreements where we are paid only if you win. We are also happy to act under legal expenses insurance if it covers a claim.

### OUR AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

We have expertise in pursuing negligence claims against a range of professionals:

- Accountants & Auditors
- Architects
- Engineers
- Financial Advisers
- Insurance Brokers
- Mortgage Brokers
- Solicitors & Other Lawyers
- Surveyors
- Tax Advisers
- Valuers

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