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Business Services

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Taylor Walton has a reputation for creating effective legal solutions for businesses and individuals and none more so than in the area of Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution. We act for a wide range of corporate clients, public sector organisations and charities, as well as high net-worth individuals.

The team has substantial experience of both traditional & alternative forms of dispute resolution including mediation and adjudication.

By being Partner-led, we can provide you with a team of senior lawyers that has broad commercial experience and is capable of advising you at an early stage on the best option available. We do not believe in wasting your time and money. As well as being able to advise on a diverse range of disputes, this approach has allowed us to specialise in several key areas. These include professional negligence and contentious probate. However, we still retain the ethos that what matters most is resolving your dispute quickly and effectively.

Our experience includes:

- Contract disputes
- Commercial property litigation
- Professional Negligence
- Insolvency
- Intellectual Property
- Partnership and shareholder disputes
- Breach of employment contracts & restrictive covenant disputes
- IT & software disputes
- Contentious Probate

More details can be found on our web site.

■ Our Approach

One reason why clients prefer to use Taylor Walton rather than other law firms for litigation and dispute resolution work is our commercial approach – we follow a clear cost/benefit strategy and take a pragmatic attitude to resolving the dispute. From the outset clients are given clear, costed guidance on all available options, whether negotiating for an early settlement or driving a claim forwards through Court proceedings. Our strong links with commercial Barristers' Chambers and expert witnesses provide a further layer of assistance

and expertise. The team has substantial experience of both traditional and alternative forms of dispute resolution including Mediation and Adjudication. If we believe Alternative Dispute Resolution will best achieve the desired result, you will be offered a range of clearly identified alternative strategies.

■ Commercial Disputes

We are experienced in handling a broad range of commercial disputes. Particular litigation specialisms include property litigation, professional negligence and disputes relating to partnerships and shareholders, IT & software and employment.

Our experience includes:

- acting for a client against its former solicitors on a negligence claim that resulted in the award of £1 million in damages.
- successfully defeating a judicial review against our client, a quasi Government body, with significant Cost Orders in our client's favour
- claim for damages for breach of contract against a major oil company in respect of their failure to remediate a site purchased for residential development

■ Intellectual Property

Many businesses fail to appreciate the true value of their intellectual property, which in a lot of cases represents the largest share of the total value of the business. For this reason it is important that full attention is given to any possible infringements. Our experience in dealing with intellectual property issues is extensive and often involves working closely with specialist intellectual property Counsel.

Recent matters include:

- defence of registered and unregistered design and trademark infringement claims on behalf of an importer of swimwear against a market-dominant player. The matter involved a review of the client's catalogue and products, advising on the legal position and ultimately concluding a satisfactory settlement without the need for legal proceedings.
- successfully conducting claims of trademark infringement and parallel importing on behalf of a major Far Eastern manufacturer of professional photographic equipment (through its UK subsidiary)
- conducting defence of proceedings in relation to a breach of copyright and breach of confidence in relation to complex tax and revenue saving structures operated by Isle of Man companies.

■ Contentious Probate

With many more people accumulating substantial assets during their lifetime, we have been receiving an increasing number of instructions to act in contentious probate matters. We have experience in challenging and defending the validity of wills and our reputation was enhanced following a well publicised case in 2007 that attracted national media attention.

Recent experience includes:

- acting in a number of claims under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975
- making an application to the Court for directions on behalf of executors/trustees seeking directions in respect of the sale of trust property and ancillary matters
- acting on behalf of an individual in respect of a proprietary estoppel claim which was settled prior to the issue of proceedings

About

Taylor Walton LLP

Taylor Walton is an award winning law firm based in South-East England, providing cost effective legal services to businesses and individuals. The firm was voted UK Corporate Law Firm of the Year 2009 by readers of Acquisition Finance magazine.

We strive to keep clients one step ahead of the law, including regular free seminars and legal updates. Based strategically close to, but not in London, we also offer highly competitive fee rates. As confirmed by leading independent directory Chambers & Partners:

“One of the huge benefits is that you get easy access to partners with City experience but don’t have to pay City firm prices”
and *“Great dedication to its clients”*

We have key strengths in commercial property, corporate transactions, employment and dispute resolution, and specialist areas including technology & outsourcing, professional negligence and business immigration.

Our private client teams are recognised for their expertise in assisting individuals with estate and tax planning, trusts and probate, together with matrimonial matters and home conveyancing.

We recognise our corporate social responsibility. Taylor Walton takes a very active role in supporting local community initiatives, reducing our impact on the environment and acting responsibly in our buying decisions.

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Business Services include:

Commercial Property ■ Landlord & Tenant ■ Company Restructuring ■ Commercial Contracts ■ Corporate Finance ■ Banking and Security ■ Mergers & Acquisitions ■ Insolvency ■ Construction ■ Employment Law ■ Commercial Disputes ■ Technology & Outsourcing ■ Professional Negligence ■ Intellectual Property ■ Corporate Relocation ■ Lenders' Services ■ Business Immigration

Services for Individuals include:

Home Conveyancing ■ Inheritance Tax Planning ■ Wills, Trusts & Probate ■ Enduring Powers of Attorney and Lasting Powers of Attorney ■ Court of Protection ■ Divorce & Separation ■ Childcare Issues ■ Financial Settlements ■ Pre- & Post-nuptial and Co-habitation Agreements ■ Civil Partnerships and Dissolution ■ Dismissal & Redundancy ■ Employee Relocation ■ Succession & Exit Planning

