

Complaints Handling Procedure Our Complaints 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 about our service or a bill that we have rendered on or both, please contact us with the details.

The person to contact is Richard Staton, and he can be reached at: Bradford & Son Solicitors 9 Moorgate Road Rotherham S60 2EN Tel: 01709377412 E mail: Richard.staton@bradfordandson.co.uk

What will happen next?

1. We will send you a letter acknowledging receipt of your complaint within 7 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 Richard Staton who will review your file and speak to the member of staff who acted for you.
3. Richard will then invite you to a meeting to discuss and hopefully resolve your complaint. This will be done within 14 days of sending you the acknowledgement letter.
4. Within 7 days of the meeting, Richard 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, Richard will send you a detailed written reply to your complaint, including his suggestions for resolving the matter, within 14 days of sending you the acknowledgement letter.
6. At this stage, if you are still not satisfied, you should contact us again and we will arrange for another partner to review his decision.
7. We will write to you within 21 days of receiving your request for a review, confirming our final position on your complaint, and explaining our reasons. 8. If we have to change any of the timescales above, we will let you know and explain why.
8. If you are still not satisfied, you can then contact the Legal Ombudsman at: PO Box 6806 Wolverhampton WV1 9WJ Tel: 0300 555 0333 or 0121 245 3050 Email: enquiries@legalombudsman.org.uk

There are time limits within which complaints must be made to the Legal Ombudsman, as indicated below. Generally speaking, your complaint should be made to the Ombudsman no

later than 12 months from when the problem occurred or from when you should reasonably have become aware of the problem.

Additionally, you should make your complaint to the Ombudsman within six months of receiving a final response from us following the complaint that you have made to us.

Normally, your complaint needs to fall inside both rules if the Ombudsman is going to investigate it.

You also need to be aware that the Ombudsman only deals with complaints from the following:

(a) an enterprise which, at the time that the complaint is made, is a micro-enterprise within the meaning of arts.1, 2(1) and (3) of the Annex to Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC, as that Recommendation had effect at the date it was adopted;

(b) a charity with an annual income net of tax of less than £1 million at the time at which the complainant refers the complaint to the respondent;

(c) a club, association or organisation, the affairs of which are managed by its members or a committee or committees of its members, with an annual income net of tax of less than £1 million at the time at which the complainant refers the complaint to the respondent;

(d) a trustee of a trust with an asset value of less than £1 million at the time at which the complainant refers the complaint to the respondent;

(e) a personal representative of an estate of a person; or

(f) a beneficiary of an estate of a person.

What to do if you are unhappy with our behaviour

The Solicitors Regulation Authority can help if you are concerned about our behaviour.

This could be for things like dishonesty, taking or losing your money or treating you unfairly because of your age, a disability or other characteristic.

Visit their website to see how you can raise your concerns with the Solicitors Regulation Authority
[sra.org.uk/consumers/problems/report-solicitor](https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/problems/report-solicitor)

Further help

If you require further assistance, please contact the Professional Ethics helpline.

[Sra.org.uk/contactus](https://www.sra.org.uk/contactus)