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l o o k i n g a t t h e b i g g e r p i c t u r e

In a changing world, we can never be sure what the future holds. Whatever your situation and the issue you face, Attwaters will provide the expertise and high quality service you need.

As a leading Essex based firm of solicitors, we provide a wide range of services to private individuals as well as businesses. Our reputation is founded on a tradition of client care going back over 100 years.

Our clients come from all walks of life and have very differing needs. Some come to us for advice on wealth protection, tax planning

or managing their affairs later in life.

Others might want help making a will, or moving house. In less fortunate situations, people come to us for help and support with problems such as the breakdown of a relationship.

Whatever the problem, we assess your particular situation and needs, while also looking at the bigger picture. We call it strategic thinking. Our aim is not just to resolve the immediate issue,

but also to protect your future interests. So whatever happens in life, you can depend on Attwaters.



what our
clients say

“ Once again, thank you so very much for your work and for your unfailing courtesy and support during what was an extremely stressful period. I have sung the praises of your services far and wide.” *Miss B, Cheshunt*



r e s i d e n t i a l p r o p e r t y

It is often said that buying or selling a house is one of the most stressful times of your life. It is also the most important financial transaction that most people undertake. Whether you are buying or selling or both, our residential property team will help make your next house move a happy one.

Client satisfaction is our top priority. Our experienced conveyancing staff are committed to delivering a professional, highly efficient and personal service. This is no 'conveyor belt and call centre' service! You will have a solicitor or professional conveyancer who is personally responsible for your

transaction and will chase its progress, keeping in direct contact with you throughout. Rest assured, we apply the same level of professionalism whether you are buying or selling a one bedroom flat or a seven bedroom mansion.

We also advise on remortgaging, lease extensions, right to buy, title deed transfers, shared ownership issues, property auctions and equity release schemes. While most of our clients are private homeowners, perhaps with second homes or buy to let properties, we also work with property investors and developers.

“ I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the wonderful service I received during my sale and purchase. I would never dream of going anywhere other than Attwaters and will make sure everyone I know is aware how happy I am with your firm. ” *Ms D, Chingford*



f a m i l y

The breakdown of a relationship can be a painful and stressful experience. It is important to seek advice and support from solicitors who specialise in family law. Your relationship with your solicitor should be one of trust, openness and confidence. Take time to find the right solicitor for you. Having the right one will make all the difference.

Attwaters' family law team has a strong reputation. We will resolve your particular issues in a sympathetic, efficient and professional manner, with a proactive, constructive and conciliatory approach.

We have members of the SRA Family Law Panel, the SRA Children Panel

(formerly known as The Law Society Family Law Panel and Children Panel respectively) and are Accredited Specialists of Resolution. We also have a trained Collaborative Lawyer.

We will advise you on divorce and separation, financial settlement and issues involving children, using mediation and collaborative law wherever appropriate. We also help with pre-nuptial agreements, cohabitation disputes and civil partnerships. Should you need help regarding child protection and adoption, or domestic violence, no matter what your circumstances may be, we have the expertise to provide you with the support you need. You can depend on Attwaters.

“ A calm but firm approach...(and)...a very pleasing result in court. I was given expert advice by Joyti, who was keen to save me money whenever she could. Not usually what you hear about solicitors. I would strongly recommend the services of Attwaters. ” *Mr. W Ware*



t a x a n d t r u s t s

Attwaters has been advising on tax & trusts for over 100 years. Tax planning centres on the arrangements of your assets (such property, shares and savings) to maximise available tax reliefs now and in the long term. We look at every angle, from Inheritance Tax and Capital Gains Tax to Income Tax, in order to minimise your liabilities.

Establishing a trust is often the best way to govern the succession of assets and to reduce tax liabilities. Our specialists will advise you on the most appropriate form of trust for your requirements, taking into account your

aims, your circumstances and the current tax laws. Once established, we can administer the trust on your behalf.

We also act as trustees, or, if you are named as a trustee, we will advise you on your powers and duties. If there is a dispute between the beneficiaries of a trust and the trustees, or between the trustees themselves, whichever you represent, we can act on your behalf.

Attwaters also have extensive experience of personal injury trusts.

Please see our website for full details.

“ The service provided was excellent - helpful, friendly and knowledgeable.” *Mr C, Stevenage*

“ The service we received was first class and very professional.”

Mr T, Loughton



w i l l s a n d p r o b a t e

Wills

Should you die without a Will (intestate), you are unable to control what will happen to your assets. You may also leave your dependants with a tax burden and other problems.

Our specialist Wills & Probate lawyers have an intricate knowledge of property, trusts and tax law. We will prepare your Will to ensure your wishes are carried out and the tax liabilities are minimised.

Should you be elderly and have difficulty travelling, we can arrange to visit you in your own home, or in your nursing home or hospital.

The Administration of Estates

Being given the task of winding up someone's estate has heavy responsibilities and is always burdensome, especially when combined with the distress of losing someone close to you. With a sensitive and understanding approach, we ensure that the deceased's estate is wound up correctly and that their wishes are respected. Should the Will be contested in any way, we will act on your behalf to protect your interests.

We also advise elderly clients on Powers of Attorney, Living Wills and the Court of Protection.

“ I would like to thank you for your sensitive and professional handling of my husband's estate. It helped to ease me through a very difficult time.”

Mrs H, Bishop's Stortford



e m p l o y m e n t

Problems at work can cause untold stress and anxiety. Employment law is constantly changing and is becoming increasingly complicated and technical.

We act for clients in all manner of employment situations. Some are in part-time or fixed-term work, others are directors involved in disputes with shareholders.

If you have been dismissed or have suffered from discrimination or unfair treatment at work, you may have a claim against your employer.

At Attwaters, we will understand the difficulties you face and have the experience to provide you with the specialist advice you need.

Firstly we will consider your claim and establish your objectives. We can then advise you how best to approach the situation and what the likely outcome might be. We are committed to protecting your position and achieving a successful result for you as quickly as possible.

“ Tim (Carter) has handled a large number of compromise agreements for our employees, due to major restructuring within our organization. I would just like to say that Tim is a credit to your company, in terms of his knowledge, conduct, professionalism and willingness to get the job done despite problems encountered. I would not hesitate to use Tim’s services in the future and will continue to recommend him to our employee base. ” *From a trades union official, representing a large number of employees.*



d i s p u t e s

There are times in life when a dispute is simply unavoidable. Whatever the nature of the dispute in which you are involved, and whether you need to pursue a claim or defend yourself against one, Attwaters has the expertise to prepare your case to your best advantage.

Our expertise includes landlord and tenant law and a wide range of property-related matters. We handle all manner of contractual disputes, usually relating to the purchase of goods and services, and debt recovery cases.

We also deal with professional negligence claims against doctors,

hospitals, dentists, accountants, surveyors and law firms.

Disputes involving contested wills and inheritance claims are also, sadly, all too common. We can act for you if you wish to make a claim as a dependent or, if you are an executor or a beneficiary, we can defend a challenge made against the estate.

Court action is usually time consuming and costly, so wherever possible we aim to resolve disputes through negotiation and mediation rather than litigation, in order to achieve a quicker and more cost effective solution for you.

“ I do not want to appear too gushing, but to find someone with your positive attitude is a rarity and I was very happy that you were on our side!! ” Mrs L, Hertford



q u a l i t y a n d s e r v i c e

Quality is key to everything we do at Attwaters. Above all, we are judged on the quality of the advice we provide and the high level of service our clients have come to expect.

We hold the Law Society's Lexcel standard for good client care and management practice and we continually invest in our people and our systems. Whether we're advising you on asset protection or helping you manage the affairs of an elderly relative, handling your conveyancing or updating your will, you can be sure you will always receive the same high quality advice and service throughout

the firm's private client departments, and indeed, from our commercial department too.

We appreciate that every individual client has a different situation and specific needs and requirements. We take time to understand the issue you face within its wider context, so we can deliver a solution that will protect your interests and those of your family, now and in the longer term. So no matter what happens in life, in good times and bad, you can depend on Attwaters for sound advice, appropriate support and peace of mind.

“ I am more than happy with the service I received. Highly recommended. Thank you. ” *Mrs L, Waltham Abbey*

