

Services for Law Firms and Lawyers



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Welcome

We are delighted to introduce you to Kingsley Napley - an independent law firm with a distinguished history, distinctive values and a unique culture.

Founded in 1937, we are recognised for providing the highest quality legal advice, and over the decades we have been at the forefront of some of the UK's most important judicial cases and decisions.

As the regulatory landscape for law firms and lawyers grows ever more complex, so too has the importance of seeking reliable, bespoke and sensitive advice. It is vital to stay ahead of new developments, protect yourself from possible threats and respond quickly when things do go wrong.

That is where we can help.

Our top-ranked experts have an unrivalled knowledge of the regulatory framework within which law firms and lawyers operate in England and Wales. Since we act (and many of our team have worked) for the main legal regulators in the country, we can provide insights and experience which often have a real impact on the outcome of a case.

So if you are looking for advice on how to meet your regulatory obligations, or are facing a regulatory investigation or potential disciplinary action, please do get in touch. We will be pleased to provide you with all the support you need to run your practice, avoid potential obstacles and protect your personal and professional reputation, both today and long into the future.

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Our Services

Our top-ranked team provides tailored, discreet and expert advice across a range of legal services regulatory issues and has a proven track record of achieving the best possible outcome for clients.

SRA INVESTIGATIONS AND SDT DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

When facing an SRA investigation or SDT proceedings, it is crucial to obtain tailored, insightful and timely legal advice.

We can help with:

- developing a strategic approach to SRA processes;
- preparing formal representations and;
- seeking and negotiating alternative outcomes to a regulatory hearing, such as an agreed outcome.

ALTERNATIVE LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDERS

As ALSPs grow in presence, they need the right legal support and expertise with regard to their legal, commercial, regulatory and ethical obligations.

We can advise on:

- developing appropriate business structures when starting out or changing the way the business operates;
- relevant authorisation and practice requirements and how to navigate the complex regulatory framework.

REGULATORY AND ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

As the regulatory landscape evolves, understanding what to do and how has never been more important or challenging.

We can help you:

- understand when and how to report matters to the SRA;
- consider ethical decision making in the context of SLAPPS, other abusive litigation, sanctions, ESG and workplace culture;
- create and maintain a culture of compliance.

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

In even the best managed law firms, things can still go wrong. Responding promptly and effectively to these issues minimises reputational and regulatory risks.

We can advise on:

- confidentiality and LPP issues;
- the interplay with other ongoing matters such as criminal proceedings;
- "lessons learned" plans, to avoid repeat issues.

AML COMPLIANCE

All law firms must have effective AML policies, as well as having in place robust risk assessments, controls and procedures.

We can assist with:

- client due diligence;
- regular audits;
- dealing with breaches;
- criminal investigations.

"The unyielding drive and innovative approach of its lawyers sets this firm apart from its competitors. Their depth of knowledge and experience is simply unparalleled. They are properly recognised as the market leaders in this area – an acknowledgment that is richly deserved"

CHAMBERS AND PARTNERS

The law firm for law firms

In addition to our extensive and unparalleled experience across the legal services regulatory landscape, we are able to deliver a seamless cross-departmental service, particularly those requiring the expertise of our employment, criminal litigation, dispute resolution and public law teams.

EMPLOYMENT

Your business is only as strong as your people, and our employment and partnership lawyers can provide ad-hoc advice or long-term employment law support on the following matters:

- Grievances and disputes and their onward handling including conducting independent investigations
- Dealing with allegations of misconduct including counter-inclusive behaviours
- Drafting contracts, handbooks and policies
- Exits and restructurings including issues relating to confidentiality, non-compete restrictive covenants and team moves

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Should you become involved in a dispute, our team can give you all the support you need. Our experience extends from relatively simple cases to complex, multi-jurisdictional matters.

- Resolving all forms of commercial and contractual disputes
- Resolving disputes between shareholders, directors and partners
- Advising on defamation, reputation management and privacy
- Guiding you through a mediation or arbitration process

CRIMINAL LITIGATION

We are the leading criminal defence solicitors in the UK, and have been involved in many of the most significant cases over the past 50 years. Our expertise covers advice relating to:

- Sexual misconduct and the handling of associated allegations
- Proceeds of crime and money laundering
- Police investigations and associated strategic advice
- White collar and financial crime and conducting investigations
- Corporate manslaughter and health & safety matters
- Tax fraud

PUBLIC LAW

Our top-ranked team acts for senior professionals, public figures, companies and business groups, charities and pressure groups as well as government and public bodies on a range of critical matters, including:

- Data protection and GDPR
- Information handling policies
- security and confidentiality protocols
- privilege issues

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