

RDP complaints procedure

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We are committed to providing a high-quality legal service to all our clients. We acknowledge that we may not always get it right so if something has gone wrong, including in relation to a bill, we need you to tell us. This will help us to improve our standards.

How do I make a complaint?

You can contact us in writing (by letter or email) or speak with our Compliance Officer for Legal Practice, Michelle Watts-Curnow. Contact details are:

RDP Law Limited Wentwood House Langstone Business Village Newport NP18 2HJ	Telephone: 01633 413500 Email: Michelle.watts-curnow@rdplaw.co.uk
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To help us understand your complaint, and in order that we do not miss anything, please tell us:

- Your full name and contact details;
- What you think we have got wrong;
- What you hope to achieve as a result of your complaint; and
- Your file reference number (if you have it).

How will you deal with my complaint?

We will write to you within one working day to acknowledge your complaint and provide a copy of this policy. We will also record your complaint centrally.

We will investigate your complaint, which will include undertaking a review of your file(s) and other relevant documents as well as speaking with the person who dealt with your matter. We may need to ask you for further information or documents. If we do, we will ask you to provide the information within a specific period of time.

We will write to you at the end of our investigations to tell you what we have done and what we propose to do to resolve your complaint. We have eight weeks to consider and respond to your complaint.

What if I am not satisfied with the outcome?

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our complaints handling procedure, you may be able to ask the Legal Ombudsman or the Solicitors Regulation Authority to look into your complaint (please see below). Contact details are:

The Legal Ombudsman PO Box 6806 Wolverhampton WV1 9WJ Telephone: 0300 555 0333 Email: enquiries@legalombudsman.org.uk Website: www.legalombudsman.org.uk	The Solicitors Regulation Authority The Cube 199 Wharfside Street Birmingham B1 1RN Telephone: 0370 606 2555 Email: report@sra.org.uk Website: www.sra.org.uk
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The Legal Ombudsman

The Legal Ombudsman is an organisation which investigates complaints about poor legal service provided you are an individual, a personal representative of a deceased person (on whose behalf you are making the complaint), a “micro-enterprise” (having fewer than 10 employees and an annual turnover or assets not exceeding 2 million Euros), a charity or club/association with an annual income net of tax of less than £1million, or a trustee of a trust with assets of less than £1million.

You must refer your complaint to the Legal Ombudsman within six months of our final written response to your complaint and within six years of the act or omission about which you are complaining occurred (or within three years of you becoming aware of it or you should have become aware of it).

The Solicitors Regulation Authority

RDP is regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority (the “SRA”) and we are duty bound to comply with the SRA Standards and Regulations which includes a set of Principles and various codes of conduct.

If the complaint is about RDP or the relevant fee earner’s conduct and you consider we have acted in breach of our regulatory obligations set out by the SRA, if you are not happy with the outcome of your complaint, you can refer the matter to the SRA to review.

Alternative complaints resolution

Alternative complaints bodies (such as Ombudsman Services: <https://ombudsman-services.org> and Small Claims Mediation: www.small-claims-mediation.co.uk) exist which are competent to deal with complaints about legal services should both you and RDP wish to use such a scheme. We have, however, chosen not to adopt an alternative dispute resolution process. If, therefore, you wish to complain further you should contact the Legal Ombudsman or the SRA (as appropriate).

What will it cost?

We will not charge you for handling your complaint. The Legal Ombudsman/SRA will also not charge you for looking into your complaint.

Please note, however, if we have issued a bill for work done on the matter, and all or some of the bill is not paid, we may be entitled to charge interest on the amount outstanding.