



Professional Indemnity: Lawyers

One of the most respected teams advising many of the leading underwriters in this field, what most sets us apart is our commitment to delivering strategic, practical solutions to reduce future risk, as well as advising on immediate claims matters. Our professional indemnity experts are recognised as one of the largest, most experienced teams delivering expertise to solicitors and barristers and their insurers.

What we do

Uncertainty over cyber risks, Brexit, regulation and the constantly changing face of legislation and precedent requires decisive legal expertise, with a clear focus on price and cost management. We are proud of our ability to build tailored service teams, depending on the detail of each case. Working with colleagues across the country (and across the globe where necessary), we are able to deliver specialist insight and support across technical areas including real estate, employment, personal injury, insolvency, competition, tax and regulatory matters in all UK jurisdictions acting large international law firms through to sole practitioners as well as barristers. As a full service law firm, we frequently seek assistance and expert input from our colleagues in these specialist fields. Our colleagues in DWF Claims handle claims against solicitors for many leading insurers and have an abundance of both expertise and experience in all aspects of such claims and their potential impact on insurers.

As well as advising on immediate claims, our commitment to delivering strategic, practical solutions to reduce future risk sets us apart from our competitors. These solutions include regular client training; analysis of claims data to assist underwriting; advocacy, costs, forensic accountancy and loss adjusting services; and a number of unique products and software offerings designed to deliver greater insight, operational effectiveness and commercial advantage to insurers and their insureds.

Our Professional Indemnity services for lawyers include

- The resolution of claims either by settlement or ADR or defending to trial and on appeal if necessary, including the defence of high value, high profile claims involving complex areas of law or cross-border issues
- Providing solutions for bulk low value claims, such as a fixed fee service for straightforward lenders' claims
- Advising on and defending references to the Bar Standards Board and the Legal Ombudsman Service
- Coverage advice and arbitrations
- Indemnity and dishonesty conferences
- Drafting declinature letters
- Arbitrations between policy years

Examples of our work include

- Advising and representing insurers in Commercial Court proceedings in an aggregation dispute worth around £60m.
- Representing a large City of London and International law firm in a claim for £15m arising out of an allegedly negligently handled arbitration involving marine contracts
- Representing large City of London firm in a claim for £10m arising out of alleged negligent drafting of an employment contract. This matter involved issues of jurisdiction and Indian law requiring liaison with Indian lawyers.
- Assisting Insurers in preparing for a lengthy dishonesty conference and advising on a subsequent declinature letter relating to a complex £3m fraud claim.

- Advising Insurers on a policy arbitration brought by a disappointed claimant under the Third Party (Rights against Insurers) Act 1930.
- Resolving a £1.25 m claim raised by a former Police Sergeant against a firm of Scottish solicitors for a nominal amount, having obtained a significant contribution from Senior Counsel.
- Representing a leading QC in a high profile claim, with media interest, arising out of an allegedly negligently handled murder trial.
- Representing solicitors in a claim for £80m arising out of a settlement of a commercial dispute
- Representing a barrister in a £10m claim arising out of an employment dispute.

- Advising a barrister on reputational issues arising out of press attention.
- Representing a leading firm of solicitors in a landmark case on the Code of Conduct and relief for breach of trust.

Why DWF?

With one of the largest teams in the country spread over a number of regional offices as well as London and covering all United Kingdom jurisdictions plus the Republic of Ireland, and our teams of forensic accountants, advocates, costs consultants and loss adjusters, you can be sure that whatever the problem, we can provide a tailored, one-stop, solution to meet your needs.

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