

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BUSINESS

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1. OUR AIM

We aim to offer our clients high quality legal advice with a personal service, at a fair cost. As a start, it is helpful to you to set out in this statement the basis upon which we will provide our professional services to you.

2. OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

We will:

- (a) represent your interest and keep your business confidential so far as is permitted by law;
- (b) explain to you the legal work which may be required and the prospects of a successful outcome;
- (c) make sure that you understand the likely degree of financial risk that you will be taking on;
- (d) advise you on tax matters, but only if you specifically request us to do so;
- (e) keep you regularly informed of progress or, if there is none, when you are next likely to hear from us;
- (f) try to avoid using technical and legal language. Please tell us if we fail in this aim!
- (g) deal with your queries promptly and endeavour to return your telephone calls on the same day.

3. OUR HOURS OF BUSINESS

The normal hours of opening of our offices are between 9.30 am and 5.30 pm on weekdays. Where essential, arrangements can be made for you to contact the person dealing with the matter by way of mobile phone. Appointments can be arranged at other times when this is essential.

4. PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR WORK

- (a) The person who will be responsible for dealing with your work is as notified in the letter which accompanies these Terms and Conditions and that letter also gives details of the person who may be able to deal with your queries if that person is not available. We will try to avoid changing the people who handle your work but if this cannot be avoided, we will tell you promptly of any change and why it may be necessary.
- (b) The director of this Firm with final responsibility is Nicholas Woolf.

5. CHARGES AND EXPENSES

- (a) Our charges will be calculated mainly by reference to the time actually spent by the solicitors and other staff in respect of any work, which they do on your behalf. This will include dealings with you and others, reading, considering, preparing and generally working on papers, correspondence (including fax and e-mail) making and receiving telephone calls, preparation of any details of cost calculations and time spent travelling away from the office when this is required.
- (b) Routine letters faxes and e-mails are charged at 6 minute units of time and we charge for the time spent on making and taking telephone calls in 6 minute units and generally considering incoming letters at units of 3 minutes per page.

- (c) The current hourly rates are as set out below. We will add VAT to these at the rate which applies when the work is done.

NICHOLAS WOOLF

Solicitor/Director/Principal **£395 per hour**

ALBERTO COSTA

Consultant Solicitor **£400 per hour**

SAM CHEESBROUGH

Barrister - Associate **£230 per hour**

ANY PARALEGAL **£150 per hour**

- (d) The above hourly rates have to be reviewed periodically to reflect increases in overhead costs and inflation. Normally, the rates are reviewed with effect from 1 January in each year. If a review is carried out before this matter has been concluded, we will inform you of any variation in the rate before it takes effect and you will be bound by them. If you do not accept the new rates after the review we reserve the right not to continue acting for you.

- (e) In commercial, company, property transactions, in the administration of Estates, and/or in cases involving working out of hours, expedition or particular complexity or requiring specialist expertise, additional charges may be made to those calculated on the basis of time spent. This may reflect a percentage price of the property, the value of the Estate or other financial benefit. This value element reflects the importance of the transaction and the consequent responsibility falling on the Firm. Where a value element is added, we will be happy to explain the calculation to you. In cases relating to administration of Estates, the additional charge is 1% of the gross value of the Estate (excluding the deceased's residence) and a further $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1% of the value of the deceased's residence. The charge of 1% increases to 1½% where a member of this Firm is also an Executor of the Estate. In cases involving out of hours working, expedition, particular complexity or requiring specialist expertise, additional time charges may be levied. In such matters we will, where possible and practicable, attempt to inform you prior to incurring such charge the additional rate to be levied.

- (f) Solicitors have to pay out various expenses on behalf of clients including Local Authority Searches, Company Searches, Home Information Packs, Stamp Duty Land Tax, Land Registry fees, Probate Registry fees, Court fees, Experts fees and so on. We have no obligation to make such payments unless you have provided us with funds for that purpose. VAT is payable on certain expenses. We shall refer to such payments generally as "disbursements". In particular we will require a payment in advance from you in respect of any search fees payable on your transactions.

- (g) In addition to our hourly rates and disbursements we may also charge you for other services that we perform such as photocopying and faxes which may be charged to you at 25p per sheet plus VAT, and arranging telegraphic transfers for which we may charge you in addition to any cost ("disbursement") to us from any bank. All such charges will clearly be set out in bills sent to you and where practicable we will provide you with an estimate in advance.

- (h) We will, where appropriate and practicable, provide you with estimates of our charges and disbursements in a separate letter or letters. Any costs estimate we give at any time is a guide to assist you in budgeting. It is not intended to be fixed unless that is specifically agreed in writing.

- (i) Any fixed fee, capped fee or other fee arrangement we agree with you, or any costs estimate we give you, is based on the scope of the work anticipated and our assumptions about the matter at the time it is agreed or given. If the scope of the work changes or the assumptions change it will no longer apply. In that case we will discuss a revised fee arrangement or estimate with you.
- (j) If for any reason the matter does not proceed we shall be entitled to charge you for work done and expenses incurred.

6. PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

We reserve the right to submit interim bills at such times as we deem appropriate.

- (a) In the administration of Estates, we will normally submit interim bills at regular stages during the transaction, generally starting with the obtaining of a Grant. The final account will be prepared when the Estate accounts are ready for approval.
- (b) In other cases or transactions we will bill you monthly and/or at other times which we believe to be appropriate given the circumstances of the matter. It is normal practice to ask clients to pay sums of money from time to time on account of charges and expenses which are expected in the following weeks or months. We find that this helps clients in budgeting for costs as well as keeping them informed of the legal expenses which are being incurred. If such requests are not met with prompt payment, delay in the progress of a case may result. In the unlikely event of any bill or request for payment not being met, this Firm reserves the right to stop acting for you further.
- (c) If all or any part of any bill is not paid within one month after the date of the delivery of that bill, interest will be charged. The rate of interest will be in accordance with Article 5 of the Solicitors Non-Contentious Business Remuneration of 2009 (or any amendment of that provision) and will be the rate payable on judgment debts. In the case of commercial debts we reserve the right to claim interest and recovery costs pursuant to the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998.
- (d) All bills sent (even if they are referred to as interim bills) will be final bills (known as Statute bills) for the period that they cover or part of the task to which they apply, unless the bill is marked "on account of costs".
- (e) A Statute bill is a final self-contained bill of costs to the date of the bill in respect of all the work carried out by us for you for the period covered by and/or stated in/on the bill. It cannot generally be increased by us. It complies with the requirements of the Solicitors Act 1974. It allows you, as the client, to apply for an Order for an assessment of the bill under the Solicitors Act 1974 within the time limits allowed for an assessment under Section 70 of the Solicitors Act 1974. It also allows us to sue you on any such bill, if the bill or any part of the bill remains unpaid, usually after one month from the date of the delivery of the bill.
- (f) All such Statute bills will, unless otherwise requested under Section 64 of the Solicitors Act 1974, be a gross sum bill. They will therefore contain a summary of the work done by us for you during the period covered by and/or stated in/on the bill. Under Section 64 of the Solicitors Act 1974, you are entitled, before the expiration of three months from the date on which the bill was delivered to you, and unless proceedings have been issued by us against you in respect of any unpaid costs set out in such bill, to require us to deliver to you a new bill setting out in detail the work done by us for you during the period covered by and/or stated in/on the bill. Upon such requirement being made, the original gross sum bill will be of no effect. If proceedings have been issued by us against you in respect of any unpaid costs set out

in a gross sum bill, you are entitled, before the expiration of one month from the service of those proceedings upon you, to make a request to the court for an assessment of such bill.

- (g) A bill on account of costs is merely a request for a payment on account of costs. It is not a final quantification of all of the work included in the bill. It is generally the minimum amount of charges to the date of the bill and it may be increased by us. It does not allow you as the client to obtain an order for it to be assessed under the Solicitors Act 1974. It cannot be sued on by us if it or any part of it remains unpaid.
- (h) You by signing the client care letter you give your irredeemable authority to transfer any monies held by us on client account to pay outstanding costs and/or disbursements due to this Firm at any time in priority to anything else for which that money may have been held and in priority to any other instruction in connection with the monies held and for whatever purpose it was held.
- (i) We shall be happy to discuss any method of payment of our charges and disbursements. We accept all usual methods of payment.

7. FUNDING OF COSTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

In matters involving disputes there are a number of ways of funding costs as are set out in the Information leaflet accompanying these Conditions. Common methods of funding are Community Legal Service Funding, commonly known as legal aid, and conditional fee arrangements with lawyers or contingency fee agreements. This Firm does not hold a Community Legal Service Funding franchise and does not take on Community Legal Service Funding work. If you believe you are entitled to Community Legal Service Funding and you require to be funded by that method you should inform us and we will stop acting for you. You will need to approach a firm of solicitors who can provide such a service. This Firm does not enter into conditional fee or contingency fee arrangements, although they may be available to you elsewhere.

There are other methods of funding litigation by third parties. The most common of these is through a Trade Union, family or an employer. Another method is through insurance. There are generally two types of insurance in respect of litigation: pre-action insurance and after the event policies. In respect of pre-action insurance it is your responsibility to inform us as to whether you are covered by such insurance which could, for example, form part of your home contents or car insurance policy, or through a credit card or as an individual policy. After the event policies may help to cover the cost of litigation and would need to be purchased by you. The terms of the policies and what they cover vary.

Further information regarding legal expenses insurance, including after the event policies, is contained in the document "Information for Clients on the handling of cases which may involve Court proceedings" which we advise you to read.

8. OTHER PARTIES' CHARGES AND EXPENSES

- (a) In some cases and transactions a client may be entitled to payment of costs by some other person. It is important that you understand that in such circumstances the other person may not be required to pay all of the charges and expenses which you incur with us. It is also important that you understand that in any event you are liable to pay all our charges and expenses and any amounts which are recovered from a third party will be accounted for by us to you. If the other party is in receipt of Community Legal Service Funding, (Legal Aid), no costs are likely to be recovered.
- (b) The other person will not be liable to pay the VAT element of your costs if you are able to recover the VAT yourself.

- (c) If you are successful and a Court orders another party to pay some or all of your costs and expenses, it may be possible to claim interest on them from the other party from the date of the Court Order. We will account to you for any such interest received to the extent that you have paid our charges or expenses on account, but we are entitled to the rest of that interest.
- (d) You will also be responsible for prior payment of our charges and expenses if you are seeking to recover any costs that the Court orders the other party to pay to you.
- (e) If you are successful and the Court orders another party to pay some or all of your costs and expenses you may not recover those costs and expenses if that party does not have the ability or available assets to pay you. Even if that party does have the ability to pay you, in the vast majority of cases you will not recover all the costs that you have incurred with this Firm but only a proportion of them. The proportion that may expect to recover may be determined by the Court if the costs are to be assessed by the Court or by agreement. You will remain fully responsible for any shortfall.
- (f) A client who is unsuccessful in a Court case may be ordered to pay the other party's legal charges and expenses. Such orders often referred to as "pay as you go orders" are generally payable within 14 days of the order being made by the Court. It is possible that a Court may make the period for payment shorter even immediate. That money is payable in addition to our charges. It may be possible in some cases for arrangements to be made to take out insurance to cover liability of such legal expenses. Please discuss this with us if you are interested in this possibility.

9. JOINT CLIENTS

If we are instructed by joint clients, being more than one client in any matter, then all those clients are jointly and severally liable for our fees, notwithstanding any agreement between you as to how you will share the costs. This means that we will be able to look to one client only or to each of our clients to pay the whole or of any balance of any unpaid fees.

Instructions are understood to be for the purposes of all of those instructing us. We will act on instructions from any one of those clients unless you instruct us otherwise. Liability to pay our costs is joint (all the clients together) and several (each may be liable for the whole amount).

If instructions are given on behalf of a client, we are entitled to assume that the person giving the instruction has lawful authority to instruct us. If not, then that person will be liable to us as if they were our client.

10. INTEREST ON UNPAID BILLS AND OTHER PAYMENTS

Any money received on your behalf will be held in our Client Account. Subject to minimum amounts and periods of time set out in the Solicitors Accounts Rules 1998, interest will be calculated and paid to you at the rate from time to time payable on Coutts Bank designated Client Accounts. The period for which interest will be paid will normally be the date or dates on which cleared funds are credited to our account until the date of issue of any cheque or cheques from our Client Account.

- (a) In the event that we receive any commission in excess of £20 as a result of work performed on your behalf we will disclose to you within 14 days of receiving such commission the amount of that commission and how it was calculated and unless otherwise agreed with you account to you for those monies.
- (b) Any interest recovered on costs and disbursements after judgment is pronounced but before the costs judge certificate is obtained, which costs and disbursements have not in fact been paid prior to assessment, shall as to interest on costs belong to this Firm

less interest paid on disbursements held by us for and on behalf of the person or persons to whom the disbursements are ultimately paid.

- (c) We will not be liable to repay any money that we hold for you in our client account at Coutts & Co which is lost as a result of a failure of the bank.

11. PROVIDING EXEMPT FINANCIAL SERVICES

We will not be conducting investment business on your behalf.

- (a) We are not authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority. If, while we are acting for you, you need advice on investments, we may have to refer you to someone who is authorised to provide the necessary advice. However, we may provide certain limited investment advice services where these are closely linked to the legal work we are doing for you. This is because we are members of the Law Society of England and Wales, which is a designated professional body for the purposes of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.
- (b) The Solicitors Regulations Authority is the independent regulatory arm of the Law Society. The Legal Ombudsman is the independent complaints-handling arm of the legal profession. If you are unhappy with any investment advice you receive from us, you should raise your concerns with either of those bodies.

12. RIGHT TO A LIEN AND STORAGE OF PAPERS AND DOCUMENTS

There may be circumstances in which we may be entitled to exercise a lien for unpaid costs VAT and disbursements. This means we are entitled to keep all your papers and documents and all other assets including money in our possession while there is money owing to us for our charges and expenses. We will exercise such a lien in all cases where money is due to us unless the law otherwise requires us to release them to you or to a third party.

- (a) In addition, we will keep your file of papers for you in storage for not less than one year. After that, storage is on the clear understanding that we have the right to destroy such papers and documents after such period as we consider reasonable or to make a charge for storage if we have asked you to collect your papers and you fail to do so. We will not, of course, destroy any documents such as wills, deeds and other securities which you ask us to hold in safe custody. No charge will be made to you for such storage unless prior notice in writing is given to you of a charge to be made from a future date which may be specified in that notice. We will not be obliged to keep wills, deeds, documents papers or other matter in our deeds system and if we do not wish to do so we reserve the right to send them to you or the person entitled to hold them.
- (b) If we retrieve papers or documents from storage in relation to continuing or new instructions to act in connection with your affairs we will not normally charge for such retrieval. However, we may make the charge based on time spent for producing the stored papers or documents to you or another at your request in addition to the amount charged to us by the document storage company for such retrieval. We may also charge for reading, corresponding or other work necessary to comply with your instructions.

13. TERMINATION

You may terminate your instructions to us in writing at any time but we will be entitled to keep all your papers and documents while there is any money owing to us for our charges, disbursements or expenses. If at any stage you do not wish us to continue doing work and/or incurring charges and expenses on your behalf, you must tell us this clearly, in writing.

- (a) We may decide to stop acting for you only for good reason, for example, because you do not pay a bill, be it a Final (Statute) Bill or a bill on account of costs or you do not comply with the request for a payment on account of costs or disbursements. We must give you reasonable notice that we will stop acting for you.
- (b) If you or we decide that we should stop acting for you, you will pay our charges up until that point. These are calculated as set out in your Client Care Letter and in these Terms and Conditions.
- (c) On instructing this Firm in any litigious matter you will sign a notice of acting in person in such form as we deem appropriate, which we may file at our discretion in the event of our ceasing to act for you for any reason.
- (d) If an account remains unpaid and we commence legal proceedings against you in order to recover the sums you owe us then we will be entitled to recover from you the legal costs that we incur in connection with those proceedings at our standard hourly rates, together with all disbursements (including fees of counsel and any other lawyers engaged by us in our attempts to recover payment from you).

14. LIMITED COMPANIES AND AFFILIATES

- (a) When accepting instructions to act on behalf of a Limited Company, we require a Director and/or Controlling Shareholder to sign a form of personal guarantee in respect of the charges and expenses of this Firm. If such a request is refused, we will be entitled to stop acting and to require immediate payment of our charges on an hourly basis and expenses as set out earlier. Similar terms shall apply in accepting instructions from Limited Liability Partnerships.
- (b) Our client is only the person or entity designated in our Client Care Letter, and not its affiliates (whether shareholders, parent, subsidiaries, partners, members, directors, officers or otherwise). Accordingly for conflict of interest purposes, we may represent another client with interests adverse to your affiliates. Our engagement for you does not create any rights in or liabilities to any of your affiliates.

15. INTERNATIONAL WORK

We may in the course of our engagement, as agent on your behalf, engage other lawyers or advisers in other jurisdictions to provide certain services. These services will be provided on their standard terms of business which will be supplied to you on request.

Where advice or assistance is required in other jurisdictions, or in areas of law in which we do not practice, we will discuss with you the selection of appropriate advisers and will engage them as agent on your behalf. You will be directly liable to them for their fees and expenses in accordance with the terms agreed with them. Unless otherwise agreed, our advice will relate to English law only.

16. TAX ADVICE

Any work that we do for you may involve tax implications or necessitate the consideration of tax planning strategies. We are not qualified to advise you on the tax implications of a transaction that you instruct us to carry out, or on the likelihood of them arising. In every case you should take individual and qualified tax advice.

17. IDENTITY AND DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS AND MONEY LAUNDERING AND CONFIDENTIALITY

- (a) The law now requires solicitors, as well as banks, building societies and others, to obtain satisfactory evidence of the identity of their clients and sometimes people

related to them. This is because solicitors who deal with money and property on behalf of their clients can be used by criminals wishing to launder money. In order to comply with the law on money laundering, we need to obtain evidence of your identity and financial circumstances and any political connections of you or your family and your usual address as soon as practicable. We should be grateful therefore if you would promptly provide us with documents and information we have required of you to verify your identity, financial circumstances and any political connections of you or your family and your usual address both first before acting for you and at any time thereafter. If you cannot provide us with the specific identification requested, please contact us as soon as possible to discuss other ways to verify your identity.

- (b) We are entitled to refuse to act for you or any principal who you may represent in the event of failure to supply appropriate proof of identity for yourself or any of the information referred to in paragraph 17(a) above. The costs and disbursements of compliance with the statutory identification procedures and reporting procedures will be payable by you.
- (c) Solicitors are under a professional and legal obligation to keep the affairs of clients confidential. This obligation, however, is subject to a statutory exception: recent legislation on money laundering and terrorist financing has placed solicitors under a legal duty in certain circumstances to disclose information to the National Crime Agency. Where a solicitor knows or suspects that a transaction on behalf of a client involves money laundering, the solicitor may be required to make a money laundering disclosure.
- (d) If while we are acting for you it becomes necessary to make a money laundering disclosure, we may not be able to inform you that a disclosure has been made or of the reasons for it. Where the law permits us to do, we will tell you about any potential money laundering problem and explain what action we may need to take.
- (e) By signing these our Client Care Letter incorporating Terms and Conditions of Business, you confirm to us that any funds that you or any person on your behalf may have already sent to us and any funds that you will arrange to send to us in the future are not derived from or in any way linked to drug trafficking and/or criminal activity of any nature and/or terrorism. We will not accept any payment from you in cash or any money from a third party save by prior agreement. If you circumvent this policy by depositing cash direct with our bank or forward to us money from a third party we reserve the right to charge for any additional checks we deem necessary regarding the source of funds.
- (f) Where we have to pay money to you, it will be paid by cheque or bank transfer. It will not be paid in cash or to a third party.
- (g) By signing our Client Care Letter incorporating these Terms and Conditions of business and returning it to us, you authorise us to disclose to the other parties in any transaction and, if applicable, to all other parties in the chain of transactions and their agents and advisors, all information which we have in relation to your involvement in the transaction, including any related sale or mortgage and other financial arrangements and wishes as to dates of exchange and completion. You may withdraw this authority at any time but if you do so, you should appreciate that we will inform the other party or parties and their agents or advisors that this authority has been withdrawn.
- (h) If we are also acting for your proposed lender/mortgagee in a transaction we have a duty to fully reveal to your lender all relevant facts about the purchase, acquisition and mortgage or funding. This includes any differences between your mortgage

finance application and information we receiving during the transaction and/or any cash back payments or discount schemes that a seller or other party is giving you.

- (i) Sometimes we ask other companies or people to do typing, photocopying or other work on our files to ensure this is done promptly. We will always seek a confidentiality agreement with these outsourced providers. If you do not want your file to be outsourced, please tell us as soon as possible.
- (j) External firms or organisations may conduct audit or quality checks on our practice. These external firms or organisations are required to maintain confidentiality in relation to your files. By signing the Client Care Letter incorporating these terms and conditions you accept the inspection of all your files in respect of this matter and all past and future matters upon which you instruct us may be inspected by such organisations unless you write to us objecting, in which case we will mark your file not to be inspected.

18. COMMUNICATION BETWEEN YOU AND US AND DATA PROTECTION

- (a) We may need to check discs or e-mails you send to us for virus or other such material. Unless you withdraw your consent, we will communicate with you including forwarding letters and sending you this Firm's bills of costs and other documents and also with others when appropriate by unencrypted e-mail or fax. We cannot be responsible for security of correspondence and documents sent by e-mail or fax. In addition to consenting to email and fax communication you also consent (unless you withdraw your consent) to communication by text, Viber, WhatsApp and any other form of modern electronic communication adopted by you. You should be aware that there is a risk that emails (particularly unencrypted) and all other electronic communications may be intercepted delayed or corrupted.
- (b) We use the information you provide primarily for the provision of legal services to you and for related purposes including updating and enhancing client records, analysis to help us manage our practice, statutory returns, legal and regulatory compliance. Our use of that information is subject to your instructions, the Data Protection Act 1998 and our duty of confidentiality. Please note that our work for you may require us to give information to third parties such as expert witnesses and other professional advisers or regulating authorities. You generally have a right of access under data protection legislation to the personal data that we hold about you.
- (c) We may from time to time send you information which we think might be of interest to you. If you do not wish to receive that information please notify our office in writing.
- (d) Any personal data we receive from you for the purposes of our money laundering checks will be processed only for the purposes of preventing money laundering and terrorist financing, or as otherwise permitted by law or with your express consent. By signing the Client Care Letter incorporating these terms and conditions you agree that we may hold all such personal data in perpetuity or until such time as we are satisfied in our absolute discretion that it is no longer necessary to hold such data for the purposes it was obtained. Our registrable particulars under section 16 of the Data Protection Act 1998 are available at our office for inspection upon written request.

19. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

We are committed to promoting equality and diversity in all of dealings with our clients, third parties and employees. Please contact us if you would like a copy of our equality and diversity policy.

20. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BUSINESS AND LIMITS TO OUR LIABILITY

- (a) Unless otherwise agreed and subject to the application of our then hourly rates, these Terms and Conditions of Business shall apply to any future instructions given by you to this Firm.
- (b) By signing this Firm's Client Care Letter and accepting these Terms and Conditions you agree that in any event our liability will not exceed the amount of this Firm's Professional Indemnity Insurance which at the date of your agreement with us is £5m. We reserve the right to vary the amount of such Professional Indemnity Insurance cover and in the event that it is reduced, we will inform you. We will not be liable for any consequential, special, indirect or exemplary damages, costs or losses or any damages, costs or losses attributable to lost profits or opportunities. We can only limit our liability to the extent that the law allows. In particular we cannot limit our liability for death or personal injury caused by our negligence.
- (c) We comply with the Provision of Service Regulations 2009 by displaying the required details of our Professional Indemnity Insurance in our Office Reception Area.
- (d) By signing this Firm's Client Care Letter in addition to the other limitations in the Client Care Letter or the terms and conditions of instruction of this Firm where this Firm and/or third parties are responsible for any loss suffered by you, our liability for that loss will be limited to a fair proportion of your total loss calculated by reference to the extent of our responsibility. If you have engaged others to represent or advise you on a matter in which we are involved and you agree with any of them that their liability to you will be limited, in order that this Firm's position is not adversely affected by any such limitation of their liability you agree that this Firm's liability to you will not exceed the amount which would have applied in the absence of that limitation.
- (e) If in the unlikely event you start proceedings against us for loss or damage and there is another person (for example, another adviser who is liable (or potentially liable)) you need in respect of the same loss or damage, then you will (if we request) join them into the proceedings. This is subject to any legal prohibition against your joining them in any way.
- (f) We have an interest in limiting the personal liability of directors, employees, consultants and partners. Accordingly you agree that you will not bring any claim against any individual director, employee, consultant or partner in respect of losses which you suffer or incur, arising out of or in connection with our engagement or the services we provide. The provisions of this paragraph will not limit or exclude the Firm's liability for the acts or omissions of our employees, consultants or partners. The provisions of this paragraph are intended for the benefit of our directors, employees, consultants and partners but the terms of our engagement may be varied without the consent of all or any of those persons.
- (g) We shall not be liable to you if we are unable to perform our services as a result of any cause beyond our reasonable control.
- (h) Our advice is for your benefit only. Save as expressly set out, our agreement with you is not intended to confer rights on any third parties whether pursuant to the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 or otherwise.
- (i) If any provision in these terms of engagement or our accompanying letter is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable then it shall, to the extent required, be severed and shall be ineffective and the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected in any way.

- (j) Although your continuing instructions in this matter will amount to an acceptance of these Terms and Conditions, it may not be possible for us to start work on your behalf until one copy the Client Care Letter incorporating them of them has been returned to us for us to keep on your file.
- (k) If you do not sign and return the Client Care Letter but nevertheless instruct us to take any step in relation to your matter; you shall be deemed to have accepted these Terms and Conditions.
- (l) Any dispute or legal issue arising from our Terms and Conditions of Business will be determined by an English Court or Tribunal or other regulatory authority by the laws of England and Wales.

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