

# Private client services



# expert, professional, friendly...

# Judge & Priestley offers a full range of legal services for individuals

Whether you are buying or selling a property, have a dispute with a neighbour, facing issues at work, going through a family problem or making a Will, our specialist solicitors are available to ensure that you have the best legal advice to hand.

We pride ourselves on our friendliness and our ability to treat each case individually. Our solicitors try to use plain English so that you are not confused by legal jargon.

We value all our clients and many return to us on a regular basis with the knowledge that all of their needs will be dealt with in a timely and efficient manner.

We are proud to have satisfied clients and this is reflected in the regular feedback that we receive.

"I've received many other recommendations to use J&P from various sources, and this, together with my recent experiences, would lead me to do the same without hesitation, you are now my solicitors of choice - Thank you!"



We have served our local community in the South East and Kent regions for over 130 years, and in this time have developed a reputation as being expert, professional and friendly.

We are Lexcel accredited, the Law Society's legal practice quality mark, for excellence in legal practice management and client care and are also recognised as Investors in People.

We offer the full range of private client services including:

- Family
- Will and Estate Planning
- Residential Property
- Leasehold Enfranchisement and Lease Extensions
- Landlord and Tenant
- Disputes and Claims
- Employment

"We would not hesitate to recommend Judge & Priestley, we have been extremely happy with you. You have made a stressful year a lot easier."

# **Family**

## Personal advice and resolve

The breakdown of a marriage or co-habiting relationship can pose both emotional and financial problems. We recognise that this can be an anxious and difficult time for the people involved, and often more so where there are children to consider, or you and your partner cannot communicate easily about these matters. Our aim is to help you find the best and most cost-effective method to resolve your difficulties, in a manner best suited to your personal situation. Our experienced solicitors will discuss with you the suitability of your case for mediation, arbitration, collaborative law, a roundtable meeting and the court process and advise you of what each method of resolution involves. This enables us to decide with you the best way forward.



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#### Our services include:

- Divorce and financial separation settlements
- · Pre- and post-nuptial agreements
- Co-habitation or Living Together Agreements
- Parenting Agreements & other child related issues including residence, contact and parental responsibility
- Property and other disputes between unmarried couples
- Financial provision for children (for housing, school fees and maintenance)
- Variation of Maintenance for spouses.

Our aim is to provide a friendly personal service, which meets your needs whilst seeking to reduce conflict between both parties

# Will and Estate Planning

### Peace of mind

We appreciate how important it is for you to be able to manage your private affairs and recognise that financial planning is an integral part of providing for your family in the future. Our highly experienced team are on hand to provide you with the advice and guidance you need to assist with organising and planning your property and money, giving you that all important peace of mind and where appropriate, save your estate the payment of unnecessary inheritance tax.

### Our services include:

- Probate and estate administration
- Will writing
- Lasting powers of attorney
- · Court of protection and deputyship applications
- · Trusts and gifts
- Inheritance tax advice and planning
- Elderly client services
- Safeguarding the family home and care home fee planning
- Provision for long term care



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Judge & Priestley offer a home visit service and will be happy to visit you at your home or office at a time convenient for you

# Residential Property and Conveyancing

## Make your move a positive experience

Buying and selling a home can be a stressful experience. We understand this and aim to help you through this process by making it as positive an experience as possible. We do this by working on your matter efficiently and quickly and by communicating with you on a regular basis and at critical times. You will be given the direct dial and email address of the solicitor or conveyancer acting for you and those of his or her team. We promise to return your telephone calls and reply to your emails. Our prices are tailored to your needs and we always discuss this beforehand and keep you informed throughout the process. We are an accredited firm to the Law Society's Conveyancing quality scheme.



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### Our services include:

- · Sale of property
- Purchase of property
- · Mortgages and remortgages
- · Transfers of equity

Buying and selling a home should be as smooth and trouble free as possible

# Leasehold Enfranchisement and Lease Extensions

We offer our clients clear and strategic solutions to achieve the best possible outcomes

Whether collectively purchasing the freehold of your block together with your fellow leaseholders, extending your lease, or exercising the right to manage, these legal rights (often referred to as "leasehold reform" services) are considered by many to be a niche and complex area of law.

These rights are indispensible for leaseholders and freeholders to get the most out of their residential property assets.

Aside from the complexity, it is still relatively new law and therefore, subject to frequent changes, which is why it is crucial to use advisors who are experienced and knowledgeable in such work. As award winning experts in this field, we believe that we offer our clients clear and strategic solutions to achieve the best possible outcomes.



- Leasehold enfranchisement
- · Lease extensions
- The Right to Manage
- The Right of First Refusal



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We take the time to understand your needs and provide you with the best practical advice at affordable prices

# Landlord and Tenant

# Offering residential landlords the complete legal service

Whatever the size of your property portfolio as a residential landlord, it is important to seek timely legal advice and where possible, to avoid problems with your tenants from arising. At Judge & Priestley Solicitors, we can advise landlords on all legal matters relating to managing tenancies.

Our expert landlord and tenant solicitors provide advice to landlords on all areas of landlord and tenant law. We have an experienced team of solicitors who are dedicated to providing advice and representing residential landlords.

We can offer a complete legal service to include advice and assistance from commencement of the tenancy right through to eviction and enforcement proceedings. Alternatively you may simply require a partial service to cover certain aspects and again we can offer assistance at all levels to ensure that you achieve your goal.



- Drafting/reviewing tenancy agreements
- Tenancy Deposit protection advice
- · Notices seeking possession
- Rent Act protected tenancies
- · Possession claims
- Enforcement proceedings
- Squatters and unauthorised occupiers
- Defending disrepair claims
- Breach of tenancy agreements
- · Defending unlawful eviction claims
- Tenancy documentation health check service

Our qualified landlord team understand the challenges landlords face and offer a range of cost effective solutions to problems.



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# **Disputes and Claims**

# Resolution specialists

Our specialist team of lawyers can help you to achieve swift and cost effective conclusions to disputes. We appreciate that clients want to know where they stand, how long it will take and how much it will cost. We ensure that we address all of these questions at the outset of any dispute. Whether by negotiation, court proceedings or mediation we aim to help recover compensation, settle disputes or seek appropriate remedies in a wide variety of cases.

#### Our services include:

- Contract disputes
- · Negligence claims
- Boundary disputes
- · Property disputes
- · Trespass and nuisance
- Disputes about Wills and inheritance



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# **Employment**

## Employee support

Modern employment relationships are highly regulated to encourage fair and equal treatment in the workplace. This includes fair working conditions including maternity/paternity and dependency leave; illness and pension provision and freedom from harassment and bullying. We can advise you on compromise agreements, grievances and disciplinary actions and on any future contract for employment services. We can represent you in the employment tribunal or court prodeedings.

### Our services include:

- All issues arising from feared, threatened of actual termination of your employment contract: be it by way of redundancy, constructive dismissal, and/or wrongful or unfair dismissal and breaches of contract
- Equality issues, such as discrimination by virtue of age (or working beyond retirement), gender, gender orientation, race/colour, disability, religion or belief; or any issue associated with maternity/ paternity and/or victimisation and harassment with regard to these
- Unfair or detrimental treatment, unlawful deduction of wages, working time issues (holiday, sickness, rest or working hours) or because of whistle blowing
- Harassment or bullying
- TUPE and restrictive covenants
- Or any other matter of concern regarding your employment



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Judge & Priestley can help you navigate this complex area and advise you, both pro-actively and in the event a dispute arises

# **Testimonials**

"I was recommended to use their family solicitor to deal with the legal side of the separation with my partner and I am thankful that I was recommended such a good solicitor."

Family Client

"We were delighted when Mr David Chandra took the time to explain fully, each section of the Wills - it gave us peace of mind."

Wills & Estate Planning Client

"Madelaine has handled three house sales and one house purchase for us. Her professional advice and friendly manner are of the very highest standards."

Conveyancing Client

"Thanks very much. You have provided a very efficient service and I will recommend others to use you."

Lease Client

"I have known and worked with Nitika for a number of years and she has always been very helpful and informative. Knowledgeable in her specific field and if there is anything that she has not been certain of, will always check and come back to me very speedily." Landlord and Tenant Client

"Mark Oakley has always been excellent in all the work he has done" Disputes and Claims Client

"Should I require any further advice in legal matters I will consider using Judge & Priestley again."

**Employment Client** 

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