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We are pleased to have provided specialist legal advice and services to the local Orpington community and further afield for over 40 years.

When you team our years of experience with our personalised service, you get something really quite unique. That's why we have the reputation for being approachable, realistic and understanding.

Our solicitors are here to talk to you about even the most complex legal matters, to listen to your needs and offer practical solutions. Whatever legal assistance you require, please get in touch to discuss how we can help.

Here to help with all of your legal requirements:

- Wills & Probate
- Conveyancing
- Personal Injury
- Employment
- Lasting Powers of Attorney
- Business services
- Family & Children
- Disputes

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How can we help you?

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Buying & Selling a Property

Apart from choosing the right estate agent, choosing the right legal professional is equally important.

We can help guide you through all aspects of your sale and/or purchase and we are readily available by telephone, email and, of course, in person if you want to pop in and see us.

We enjoy good relationships with all the local estate agents and others with whom we have to deal and this can certainly help in keeping things on track.

Similarly, we strive to build a close relationship with you, so that we can get to know your individual circumstances and priorities, in order to offer the best possible advice to you. We will also ensure that an experienced professional will deal with your legal work thoroughly and carefully to protect your investment, who has the ability to spot and inform you of potential problems and suggest solutions.

We will be happy to provide you with a free estimate of your costs which will include all the normal fees associated with the sale or purchase of a property. Estimates between firms can vary and we would advise that you always confirm what services and fees are included.

For more information or a free estimate and advice, please contact us on Freephone 0800 371219, email conveyancing@thomasdunton.co.uk or visit our website.

Wills, Probate & Powers of Attorney

Getting older and planning for the future can seem an overwhelming and daunting task. But it doesn't have to be. By making a will and having lasting powers of attorney in place can provide peace of mind that you are prepared for whatever may lie ahead.

A will ensures that, on your death, your estate passes to those whom you want to benefit. Ideally it will include tax planning and trusts and guardians for your children, if appropriate, and be updated every five years and/or when your circumstances change.

After a death, we will prepare all the necessary papers to apply for a "Grant of Probate" or "Letters of Administration", collect any assets and distribute them according to the will or if there is no will, under the Rules of Intestacy.

A Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) is a powerful legal document that ensures those you love and trust can make decisions on your behalf regarding your financial affairs and/or future care, during your lifetime, should you ever be unable to do so yourself.

We will be pleased to discuss and advise you on wills, probate and LPAs.

For more information, please contact us on 01689 822554, email wills@thomasdunton.co.uk or visit our website.

Family relationships and children services

Giving you the strength to find and implement the right solutions for you and your family, our accredited, specialist and compassionate family solicitors are here to help you with:

- Family or relationship breakdowns (particularly in connection with finances and the division of assets on separation, divorce or dissolution of civil partnerships)
- Children law, including abduction and social services
- Domestic abuse
- Living together and your rights
- Court of protection

Rest assured, your matter will be dealt with the greatest sensitivity. We are renowned for listening carefully, and for advising and helping our clients to plan for situations they may not have even considered. And we only ever have your best interests at heart.

For more information and advice, please contact us on 01689 822554, email family@thomasdunton.co.uk or visit our website.

Employment

Our employment team can advise both employers and employees on all kinds of employment issues. These include redundancy, dismissals, grievances, preparation of documentation such as employment contracts and guidance on the implement of procedures and regulations.

For more information and advice, please email employment@thomasdunton.co.uk, contact us on Freephone 0800 3582757, or visit our website.

Dispute Resolution

Though most of us would rather avoid a dispute, sometimes it is simply unavoidable. That is when specialist advice can make a real difference – whether about the strength of your argument or how best to resolve it.

Although taking your matter to court is an option, alternative routes like mediation and negotiation can be quicker, less upsetting and more effective than the courtroom in solving disagreements.

Wondering what the right course of action to take is for your matter? Our area of expertise covers a wide range of disputes including inheritance, trusts and probate, land and property, commercial matters and employment disputes.

For more information and advice, please contact us on 01689 822554, email dispute@thomasdunton.co.uk or visit our website.

Personal Injury

If you have suffered an injury, perhaps a road traffic or workplace accident, or if you have a work-related disease or suffered through clinical negligence, you may be entitled to compensation.

When it comes to personal injury, being able to meet with our clients is important so we can see your injuries first-hand and the effect they have on you.

Along with striving for maximum compensation for clients with injuries ranging from broken bones to brain injury, we, wherever possible, will pursue early interim payments to assist your rehabilitation, as well as any adaptations to your home, medical treatment and loss of pay.

Take advantage of our complimentary one hour initial interview where we can assess your case, advise you if you have a valid claim and discuss funding options which include "No win, no fee".

For more information and advice, please contact us on Freephone 0800 146340, email accident@thomasdunton.co.uk or visit our dedicated personal injury website www.injuryadvicelawyer.co.uk.

Business services

We can help your business. The areas where we are able to advise you include:

- Starting a business
- Leasing a premise
- Mediation
- Employing staff and Employment Law
- Buying or selling a premise
- Business contracts
- Legal audits

For more information and advice, please contact us on 01689 822554, email business@thomasdunton.co.uk or visit our website.

Disputed Inheritance

If you have not been provided for under the intestacy rules, or if you consider the sum you will receive under the will is not sufficient, you may be able to bring a dependency claim against the estate to ensure you receive a share or a greater proportion of it. Claimants have to fall within very specific categories to bring a claim and must do so within six months of the Grant of Probate. Seeking legal advice early on is therefore advisable. Alternatively, you may wish to challenge the way assets are being distributed under a will, or even its validity. Regardless, we will be happy to discuss your dispute with you.

For more information, please contact us on 01689 822554, email wills@thomasdunton.co.uk or visit our website.