



Fairhurst Menuhin & Co Complaints Handling Policy

Our complaints policy

We are committed to providing a high-quality legal service to all our clients. When something goes wrong, we need you to tell us about it. This will help us to improve our standards.

If you have a complaint, please contact us with the details. We have eight weeks to consider your complaint. If we have not resolved it within this time you may complain to the Legal Ombudsman.

What will happen next?

1. We will send you a letter acknowledging receipt of your complaint within three days of receiving it, enclosing a copy of this procedure.
2. We will then investigate your complaint. This will normally involve passing your complaint to our service partner who will review your matter file and speak to the member of staff who acted for you.
3. Our service partner will then invite you to a meeting to discuss and hopefully resolve your complaint. He will do this within 14 days of sending you the acknowledgement letter.
4. Within three days of the meeting, our service partner will write to you to confirm what took place and any solutions he has agreed with you.
5. If you do not want a meeting or it is not possible, our service partner will send you a detailed written reply to your complaint, including his suggestions for resolving the matter, within 21 days of sending you the acknowledgement letter.
6. At this stage, if you are still not satisfied, you should contact us again and we will arrange for another partner to review the decision.
7. We will write to you within 14 days of receiving your request for a review, confirming our final position on your complaint and explaining our reasons.
8. If you are still not satisfied, you can then contact the

Legal Ombudsman,
PO Box 6806,
Wolverhampton
WV1 9WJ

about your complaint. Normally, you will need to bring a complaint to the Legal Ombudsman within six months of receiving a final written response from us about your complaint or within six years of the act or omission about which you are complaining occurring (or if outside of this period, within three years of when you should reasonably have been aware of it). For further information, you should contact the Legal Ombudsman on 0300 555 0333 or at enquiries@legalombudsman.org.uk.

9. If the Legal Ombudsman believes that the complaint involves a breach of the Solicitors Regulation Authority (SRA) principles they will refer the case to the SRA.

10. You should report a matter directly to the SRA if you believe we have breached an SRA principle. These can be found here:

<https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/who-we-are/sra-regulate/#principles>

11. The SRA can be contacted here:

Contact centre
The Cube
199 Wharfside Street
Birmingham
B1 1RN
DX 720293 BIRMINGHAM 47

0370 606 2555

Our telephone lines will be available 08.00 on Monday

contactcentre@sra.org.uk