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# Herts Legal Services



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# About

Welcome to Herts Legal Services, we provide high quality legal and administrative services to enable the County Council to carry out its policies and statutory obligations within the law and its own procedures.

We have experience and expertise across a wide range of legal services.

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# Legal Senior Management Team



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# Environment Law



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The Environment Law team provides legal advice to the Environment Department in respect of planning, highways and rights of way matters including in particular on legal agreements, statutory orders, common land, waste disposal, minerals and waste planning, deemed planning permission and strategic planning matters.



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# Dispute Resolution



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Our litigation solicitors are experienced in the conduct of various civil and criminal proceedings including Contractual Disputes, Judicial Review, Possession proceedings and Prosecutions.

We have expertise in issues of Employment Law and so can provide advice in respect of the full range of work-related issues, in particular disciplinary matters and claims before the Employment Tribunal. We also have the necessary expertise to negotiate Settlement Agreements. We can provide representation at Court and Tribunal Hearings.

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# Commercial Law



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We have an experienced Team of Solicitors who provide advice on Contractual and Commercial Matters. The Team have been involved in a number of high-profile Contract negotiations, have an expertise in providing the necessary legal support required through a Tender process and are able to provide focused and timely advice in relation to Contract Disputes.

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# Property Law



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We have an experienced Team who are able to provide advice on all aspects of Property law and to conduct a wide range of property transactions for example, sales, purchases and leasehold matters.



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# AEH (Adult, Education & Health)



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Led by a Principal Lawyer, this team provides legal advice and support on a wide range of areas from advising Head Teachers and representing HCC at Tribunals, Public Health matters, reports to the Council, Deprivation of Liberty and Mental Health and Court of Protection Matters.



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# CLU (Child Litigation Unit)



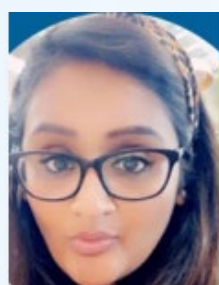
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Children's Litigation is made up of three teams led by Principal Lawyers. These teams provide advice and representation principals in relation to Public Law Family Proceedings, Public Law Outline and Adoption both in respect of court proceedings but also advice to the Adoption Panel and Agency Decision Maker. Advice is also given to the fostering panel as appropriate.

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# Practice Management



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We provide Lawyers, Paralegals and Legal Assistants with administrative support to enable effective case file management. Business Support ensures the smooth running of activities underpinning the delivery of critical legal service advice to the Council and its Clients. We provide ongoing complex support coupled with crucial service development activities.

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