



Advice for Dental Practices

We specialise in advising dental partnerships, sole practitioners, companies and professional bodies located throughout England and Wales.

How Can We Help You?

Whether you are seeking to acquire or sell a dental practice, manage the retirement of a principal, have regulatory concerns or employment issues, our large and experienced team of dental law solicitors can help.

We have an excellent understanding of the range of issues affecting dental professionals and have gained considerable expertise in creating practical solutions.

We act for a large number of dental clients, from individual dentists to large dental corporates.

Our dental solicitors provide expert and timely legal advice on a broad range of areas, including:

- commercial contracts
- CQC regulation & registration
- employment
- goodwill
- dental practice acquisitions, sales & mergers
- partnership agreements
- dispute resolution
- surgery ownership & development
- bank & funding arrangements
- crisis/reputation/incident management

Practice Sales and Purchases

Our Dental team are experienced in the sale and acquisition of dental practices and advising on all aspects including:

- the due diligence process
- regulatory notice and consent requirements
- staff transfers
- property arrangements
- assignment of goodwill

Whether we are acting for a vendor or purchaser, we provide a bespoke service with sale documentation which reflects the practical aspects of the transition as well as ensuring compliance with NHS legislation.

Companies and LLPs

Dentists may wish to provide dental services through a company or LLP. Our Commercial team is experienced in setting up companies and LLPs and tailoring documentation for existing companies and LLPs to meet the particular requirements of the sector.

We can assist dentists and dental corporates in structuring their businesses and with the preparation of internal documentation such as directors' service contracts and shareholder agreements.

Shareholder Agreements

As part of setting up company arrangements, shareholders often enter into a shareholder agreement by which they agree on specific issues relating to the management of the company and on how disputes and 'dead-locks' between the shareholders can be resolved.

These agreements are designed to ensure that companies achieve the objectives for which they are established by avoiding uncertainty and consequential disputes. They are also often used to protect minority shareholders against oppression by the majority.

Premises

Combining our knowledge of dental partnerships with our commercial property expertise, we can give specialist advice to dental professionals on all matters relating to their premises, including:

- commercial property sales and acquisitions, or expansion of an existing site



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What Others Say...

"Great, go-to authority on matters of contract and contract dispute for general practice."

Chambers & Partners

"Who better than to go to the Godfather of Dental Law."

Dental sales agent

"Thank you for your sound advice and endeavours throughout this lengthy process. We are most grateful to you for your counsel and highly effective steer. Needless to say the outcome was most satisfactory for us."

Client

- leases
- leasehold arrangements with related occupiers and ancillary users
- re-mortgaging
- transfers of partnership property
- co-ownership arrangements
- developments carried out by GP practices and by third party developer
- stamp duty land tax returns
- disputes and property litigation
- premises developments and finance

We take a practical and commercial approach aimed at completing property transactions quickly, thoroughly and with confidence.

NHS Regulatory Law

We have comprehensive knowledge of the legislative and regulatory framework for dentistry and healthcare generally. We provide expert advice and professional support in the areas of GDS and PDS contracts, drafting and interpretation of healthcare provider contract terms, Pension Scheme Regulations, contract variations, and negotiations with NHS England.

NHS Contract Reviews

Where NHS England's local Area Teams are carrying out mid-year reviews relating to performance of contracts, we are able to advise on the legal issues leading to such reviews and on any action NHS England takes following a review.

Partnership Agreements

Leading the field in partnership work, our expertise encompasses:

- creation of tailored agreements for partnerships and limited liability partnerships (LLPs)
- interpretation and advice on existing partnership terms
- expense sharing agreements
- variation of partnerships and terms
- advice on changes in partnership law
- property matters
- dispute resolution
- fitness-to-practice matters

Expense Sharing

We advise on drawing up expense sharing arrangements and the suitability of this arrangement in respect of alternatives such as setting up a full partnership. We are experienced

in tailoring expense sharing agreements to the specific needs and requirements of our clients.

Associate and Hygienist Agreements

We advise on associate and hygienist agreements and the legal issues surrounding them as well as to provide and tailor agreements.

Dispute Resolution

We encourage our clients to take appropriate measures to limit the likelihood of disputes arising. However, invariably some practices will at some point find themselves faced with a dispute involving partners, employees, or NHS England.

We can help with:

- negotiations and settlements when partners retire voluntarily or compulsorily
- commercial property sales and acquisitions
- advice on internal partnership disputes
- dissolutions and expulsion of partners
- acting on behalf of partnerships and individual partners in ADR, mediation, arbitration and court proceedings
- advising on the enforceability of restrictive covenants, including acting to obtain injunction applications

Disciplinary and Fitness-to-Practice

We are members of the Association of Regulatory and Disciplinary Lawyers. In the unfortunate event that a dental practitioner is the subject of investigation or charged with a disciplinary offence by their regulatory and professional body, we can provide advice and, if required, representation where a disciplinary hearing is unavoidable.

We bring the advantages of having worked almost exclusively with healthcare professionals along with our marked expertise in partnership law, regulatory law and litigation.

HR and Employment Law

We provide specialist legal advice across a wide range of HR and employment law issues, from Employment Tribunals to Settlement Agreements.

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