



Duncan Lewis
Solicitors



We give people a voice

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Duncan Lewis Solicitors serves corporate entities and private individuals in over 25 practice areas from offices throughout London and across England and Wales. Established in 1998, the firm has over 550 lawyers delivering legal services in over 60 languages. We have been recognised by independent legal directories, The Legal 500 and Chambers and Partners, as a top tier firm and described as a “diligent and professional team that is prepared to go the extra mile for its clients”.

Our head office is based in London, on Fenchurch Street, and we are the largest provider of publicly funded (legal aid) legal services in the country.

Our Services

When a public authority engages in misconduct, it can have a long-term detrimental impact on a victim's life. Our actions against public authorities department offers representation at all levels and places the interests of our clients first at all times.

We can arrange prison visits, or, in some circumstances, meet a client at their home.

Our lawyers also have experience supporting and representing the families of those who have died in violent or unnatural circumstances when under the care of a public authority.

Our lawyers advise on the following:

- Actions against police
- Actions against prisons
- Actions against immigration detention centres
- Inquests

Actions against the Police

We advise on a wide range of claims against the police, including:

- Assault and battery
- Data protection breaches
- Death in custody
- Death investigations
- Discrimination
- False imprisonment/unlawful detention
- Judicial review of decisions by the police and IOPC
- Malicious prosecution
- Misfeasance
- Protest
- Unlawful searches/search warrants

Actions against Prisons

Our solicitors regularly advise on civil complaints against prisons including:

- Assault by a prison officer
- Assault by a prisoner
- Data protection breaches
- Discrimination
- False imprisonment
- Misfeasance
- Negligence

Actions against Immigration Detention Centres

You can make a claim for compensation if you have been subject to abuse or misconduct whilst detained.

We instruct on immigration detention civil claims, including:

- Assault by a detainee
- Assault by an immigration detention officer
- Data protection breaches
- Discrimination
- False imprisonment/unlawful detention
- Misfeasance
- Negligence

Inquests

If a public authority was involved in a death, or the events leading up to a death, an inquest may be held. The inquest will investigate the nature of the death and factually record what happened.

Inquests can be held in order to investigate the following:

- Death in custody
- Death in prison
- Death in an immigration detention centre
- Death in a care home
- Death in hospital
- Death in the community
- Death by suicide
- Death from a road traffic accident
- Other deaths

Fees and Funding

Public Funding (Legal Aid)

Legal aid is given to eligible individuals who cannot afford to pay for legal advice and representation. We will advise as to whether legal aid funding may apply in your case. When it does, we can assist you in making the necessary applications for funding and advise you of your financial obligations.

Conditional Fee Agreements ('No Win No Fee')

In some cases, we offer a conditional fee agreement, commonly known as 'no win no fee' funding. To determine if your claim is eligible, we will assess the prospects of success in your case.

If you win your claim your opponent should be responsible for paying some of your legal costs and disbursements. Any legal costs payable by you will not be payable until the conclusion of your case. Generally no legal costs are payable if a 'no win no fee' claim is unsuccessful.

Private Funding

In all privately funded cases, our aim is to offer fair prices in exchange for the specialist services we provide. We offer competitive hourly rates and fixed fee packages. At your first meeting with us, we will discuss with you how we calculate our charges.

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