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May

- 7 Horse Racing: Kentucky Derby - Churchill Downs, Louisville
- 11 - 15 Royal Windsor Horse Show - Windsor Castle
- 14 FA Cup Final - Wembley, London
- 18 Europa Champions Cup Final (Football) - Dublin
- 19 - 22 World Match Play Golf Championship - Wentworth
- 20 Spanish Formula One Grand Prix - Catalonia
- 21 European Heineken Cup Final (Rugby) - Cardiff
- 21 Start of summer season - Glyndebourne
- 23 - 5 June French Open (Tennis) - Paris
- 24 - 28 Chelsea Flower Show - London
- 27 - 29 Monaco Formula One Grand Prix - Monaco
- 28 UEFA Champions League Final - Wembley, London
- 30 Championship Play-off (Football) - Wembley, London
- 30 Aviva Premiership Final (Rugby) - Twickenham, London

June

- 2 "Fourth of June" Celebrations - Eton College, Windsor
- 3 - 7 England v Sri Lanka Test Match - Lords, London
- 4 Derby Meeting (Horse Racing) - Epsom, Surrey
- 6 - 12 Tennis at Queens Club - London
- 10 - 12 Canadian Grand Prix, Montreal
- 13 US Open (Golf) - Maryland
- 13 Garter Ceremony - Windsor
- 14 - 18 Royal Ascot - Ascot
- 18 - 19 Marlow Regatta - Dorney Lake, Eton
- 20 - 3 July Wimbledon - South West London
- 22 - 26 Glastonbury Festival - Somerset
- 24 - 26 European Formula One Grand Prix - Valencia
- 29 - 3 July Henley Royal Regatta - Henley, Oxon

MISSION STATEMENT

FITZ Solicitors champion a fresh approach to looking after clients - you matter!

We are constantly seeking to raise the standard of what constitutes a fine legal service and client satisfaction so that you can:

- benefit from the difference;
- be delighted at our level of service; and
- be glad that you chose to cross the threshold of our offices at Chappell House, Datchet.

FITZ Solicitors aim to make you the centre of our attention BY:

- putting you first;
- setting you at ease;
- having someone who genuinely cares look after your matter;
- being interested in you as well as your legal problem;
- listening carefully to your objectives;
- offering practical and thoughtful advice;
- looking for practical and cost effective solutions;
- giving outstanding value for money; and
- delivering results.

FITZ Solicitors offer you not just any legal services, but **FITZ LEGAL SERVICES.**

Vive la difference!

OUR SERVICES

FITZ Solicitors offer a range of legal solutions in many areas of law including corporate (and commercial), conveyancing (residential and commercial, including commercial leases), disputes, environmental law, family law, litigation and wills and probate.

Apart from applying our experience and expertise in these specialist areas, we are happy to provide administrative services AT NO CHARGE to meet your requirements in satisfying standard legal processes (eg witnessing signatures on a variety of official documents or providing certified copies of documents).

In addition, we offer miscellaneous services on a reasonable tariff basis on such matters as drafting and witnessing a simple power of attorney, obtaining an apostille from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and providing letters of authority.

This brochure provides a little more on each of our specialities.

CORPORATE/COMMERCIAL LAW

FITZ Solicitors are increasingly renowned for their concise and accurate drafting of agreements and documents for business. We cater for all sizes and structures of business whether a company, a limited liability partnership or a partnership or where the business functions on a sole trader basis.

We offer you the benefit of our considerable experience in drafting and negotiating customised business documents (eg to regulate trading arrangements with customers/clients) and customised agreements regulating the internal operation of a business (eg shareholders agreements, directors service agreements or partnership deeds).

In all cases, we are slaves to:

- the use of plain English;
- working with you closely to reflect your wishes as accurately as possible in agreements; and
- drafting to minimise the risk to you and your business.

We are also on hand to advise on corporate governance and compliance generally with evolving company law in England and Wales.

**CONVEYANCING (DOMESTIC & COMMERCIAL)
incl COMMERCIAL LEASES**

FITZ Solicitors has a busy and thriving conveyancing department, expertly advising on the sale or purchase of property, be it a residence or a commercial premises. In many instances, the purchase of one residence by a client will be linked to the sale of its own property; we are experienced in handling such coordination of two distinct transactions and can anticipate problems so that they can be addressed and overcome before they cause a significant obstacle to progress.

Much commercial property in this area is let to operating companies for a variety of periods of time. **FITZ** Solicitors have great experience in acting either for the landlord or the tenant organisation in such transactions, assisting the instructing party to achieve appropriate provisions relating to such matters as rent holidays at the start of the lease, rent reviews, break clauses, arrangements relating to dilapidations, the length of the lease and provisions in rent deposit deeds.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

FITZ Solicitors can provide effective advice on both on non-litigious or litigious matters, depending upon the stage at which a business brings us on board.

Seeking legal advice on compliance with environmental obligations or using a specialist lawyer to act as a go-between when dealing with an environmental regulator is likely to cost a business much less than the consequences of a successful prosecution for breach of an obligation.

Once compliance has been compromised and a company is prosecuted for a breach, we can also work with a client business to mitigate its breach and thereby seek to facilitate a reduced fine from the Court; this could, for example, apply to issues associated with contaminated land or unauthorised discharges to the atmosphere or to water courses or to waste offences.

Quite separately, we can offer full legal support in the civil courts, for example in cases of nuisance involving noise or smells.

FAMILY LAW

FITZ Solicitors offer a professional service to each client together with a compassionate and sensitive approach to you and your family's needs – the balance is crucial!

Relationship breakdowns are traumatic enough without the need for complex and often distressing litigation. We will always (unless instructed otherwise) seek to resolve matters amicably using our extensive mediation and negotiation skills but, if this fails, we will engage in court proceedings on behalf of our client with a minimum of fuss and discomfort.

We can assist you by advising and representing you on:

- divorce and separation;
- ancillary relief and financial matters;
- injunctions and domestic violence;
- children's disputes (including contact, residence, prohibited steps orders and applications to remove from jurisdiction); and
- cohabitation and prenuptial agreements.

Our team offers expert child care services and is highly experienced in representing parents, grandparents and also children through their guardians

LITIGATION

FITZ Solicitors are developing an enviable reputation for even-handedness with clients when it comes to acting either for a prospective defendant or a prospective plaintiff.

Based on the evidence that a client may bring to us, we will give an honest assessment of your chances of success as well as a view of your likely legal costs in pursuing or defending an action.

While recognising that the objectives of our client are of paramount importance in any civil action, our approach is to break down the resolution of a dispute chronologically into three parts:

- exchanges of correspondence with the other side, designed to make a client's case cogently while trying to settle the dispute without recourse to the Court;
- gathering evidence and preparation of documents for the Court; and
- the Court hearing itself.

We give an estimate of legal costs for each of these stages to enable a client to make an informed decision as to continuing an action when that specific stage is completed. We believe that this approach keeps a client realistic in evaluating the benefit to be obtained through continuing to pursue a civil action and avoids unnecessary expense.

WILLS AND PROBATE

FITZ Solicitors are delighted to find their will writing department is in such heavy demand.

It is believed that approximately 70% of the British population does not have a will. Amongst other benefits, having a will is likely to ensure that your estate will be divided between beneficiaries of your choice and not distributed in accordance with the so-called “rules of intestacy” which are unlikely to fit comfortably with your own wishes.

If you do not have a will, we can discuss your requirements with you before producing a draft document reflecting our understanding of your wishes. Once the terms of the document are agreed with you, we can produce engrossed copies for signing, witnessing and dating.

If you already have a will, it is prudent to check its contents periodically to ensure that it still reflects your wishes. We can advise you on amending and re-drafting it to take account of any changes in your circumstances since the date of signing.

We also offer:

- a full probate service to ensure that a deceased person’s wishes are carried out according to their will, whether or not we drafted it;
- thorough advice to personal representatives where the deceased has died without leaving a valid will; and
- secure fireproof storage of wills.

July

- 02 Start of the Tour de France - Vendee
- 5 -10 Hampton Court Palace Flower Show - Hampton
- 6 - 10 Henley Festival of Music and the Arts - Henley, Oxon
- 10 British Grand Prix - Silverstone, Northamptonshire
- 14 -17 The Open Golf Championship - Royal St George’s, Sandwich
- 15 First Night of the Proms - Royal Albert Hall, London
- 17 The Veuve Clicquot Gold Cup Polo - Midhurst, West Sussex
- 21 England v India Test Match - Lords, London
- 22 -24 German Grand Prix - Hockenheim
- 24 Cartier International Polo - Guards Polo Club, Windsor
- 26 - 30 Glorious Goodwood - Goodwood, West Sussex

August

- 5 -29 Edinburgh Fringe Festival - Edinburgh
- 6 -13 Cowes Week - Isle of Wight
- 14 -21 Rolex Fastnet Yacht Race - Cowes, Isle of Wight
- 26 -28 Belgian Formula One Grand Prix - Spa Francorchamps
- 29 -11 Sept US Open Tennis - Arthur Ashe Stadium, New York

September

- 1 The Burghley Horse Trials - Stamford
- 9 Italian Formula One Grand Prix - Monza
- 9 - 23 Oct Rugby World Cup - New Zealand (Various Venues)
- 10 Last Night of the Proms - Royal Albert Hall, London
- 18 -3 Oct Windsor Festival - Windsor
- 23 Singapore Formula One Grand Prix - Singapore Street Circuit, Singapore