

# Don't let your insurance Company choose your legal representation

If you're unfortunate enough to suffer a personal injury in a road traffic accident or whilst at work or abroad and you make a claim against your insurance, please take note of this friendly word of caution... *don't let your insurance Company choose your legal representation* - you have the right to choose your own on a **No Win No Fee** basis!

Every year thousands of personal injury cases in the Dorset area are handled by Insurance-appointed firms, which in many cases are outside of the local area and don't offer a personal, face-to-face service.

These personal injury cases are 'sold' by the insurance Company at a cost to the Law firm taking the case. This means that the costs of the action will be far higher should they win the case, leaving less compensation for the injured party from the pay out.

A member of both the Law Society's Personal Injury panel and the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL), MJP LAW has a wealth of experience carrying out personal injury work and of course offers a tailored, personal and professional service on a No Win No Fee basis.

However, even with No Win No Fee cases, no one should enter into this kind of legal action lightly. It can be time consuming, stressful and distracting.



Should you suffer a personal injury though, it is vitally important to talk to us as quickly as possible because fast, firm and fair action can often stop a claim from becoming protracted and lead to a rapid resolution.

If you, or anyone you know have been involved in an accident within last three years, which wasn't your fault and you have suffered damage as a result of accident... please contact us now for a no obligation chat.

**To make appointment to discuss the circumstances of your personal injury please contact your nearest MJP LAW office.**

**No Win No Fee services are offered, subject to conditions.**

## Free Divorce Advice

MJP LAW has many years experience representing clients in matrimonial separations and in divorce proceedings. We approach cases in a professional, non-confrontational manner, backed up with firm and decisive action on our clients behalf when necessary.

**Please contact your nearest MJP LAW office to arrange a free initial consultation.**



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## Welcome

**As a valued customer of MJP LAW, incorporating Avis Cutmore Solicitors, we are delighted to welcome you to our latest newsletter.**

From our offices in Wimborne, Verwood and Kinson, we continue to provide a "refreshingly straightforward" and practical approach to legal representation, based on our experience of the law and our dedication to your welfare.

Our entire staff is focused on providing expert legal advice and action, at an agreed cost and in an approachable, jargon-free way that puts your needs first.

Within the next few months, the Avis Cutmore name will begin to be withdrawn, as we move towards one clear and recognisable branding. However, the ethos & expertise, which has always been indelibly linked with Avis Cutmore will continue to grow within MJP LAW as our customers continue to receive the personal service that they deserve.

There is no change to the Avis Cutmore staff and all deeds and wills held at the Kinson Office will remain in situ.

**We hope you enjoy the newsletter & find it of interest.**

## Where there's a will...

In a recent survey, 67% of people in the UK did not know where to find their parents' Wills. There are many reasons for this such as house moves, changes in marital status and the fact that many people avoid talking about 'morbid' subjects such as how to locate a Will when a loved one passes away.

For many years, Wills & Probate solicitors throughout the country have been calling for the creation of a National Wills Registry, a request that has now been realised... with 'Certainty'.

*The Certainty Will Register*, which is endorsed by The Law Society, ensures that a Will is not overlooked, lost or untraced after a death and that, as far as possible, a Will is administered in accordance with the testators wishes.

As a founding member of Certainty, MJP Law offers the registration service to all its clients for just £10 + VAT, giving you and your loved ones peace of mind, whilst helping to ensure that your last wishes are respected.

**To arrange for your Will to be registered with the Certainty Will Register, contact any MJP LAW office.**

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## Motorcyclist Injuries

As a keen motorcyclist & motorbike enthusiast, MJP LAW principal solicitor Martin Pate is passionate about seeking justice for motorcycle clients who have been hurt on the road by the carelessness of other road users.

It's not just the accidents and circumstances themselves that provide the need for expertise and litigation in this area, but also the medical care of the motorcyclist afterwards and the process of claiming, which is becoming increasingly more complicated as time moves on.

MJP LAW offers a wealth of knowledge and expertise in 'No Win No Fee' personal injury claims for motorcyclists and anyone else who is injured in Road Traffic Accidents.



**To arrange a free personal injury consultation contact Martin Pate at any MJP LAW office.**

moving house

wills & probate

personal injury

family law

litigation & employment

# MEET THE TEAM



**Martin Pate**  
Principal Solicitor  
Family Law & Litigation  
Martin J Pate LL.B.(Hons) is the partner heading the firm's Litigation Department, specialising in Family Law & Civil Litigation. Martin covers a wide range of litigious matters such as personal injury, contract disputes and professional negligence.

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## Free Initial Interview

MJP LAW offers a free initial consultation at any of our offices, by appointment. This will give you an opportunity to consult a solicitor about your case with no obligation to instruct us. During the consultation we aim to provide you with advice on any immediate steps you need to take, explain how we would approach your case, the timescale involved and the likely legal fees.

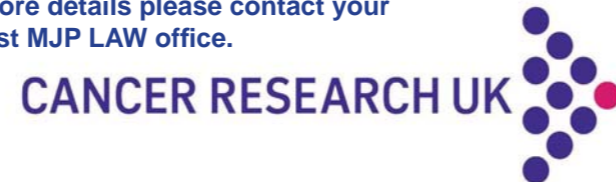
**To make an appointment, please contact your nearest MJP LAW office.**

## Affordable Will Options

MJP LAW offer a range of set-fee Will options with single Wills from just £120+VAT & mirror Wills from only £170+VAT.

We would also be delighted to arrange a single legacy Will for Free, as long as provision for a charitable donation of £100 or more is made within the Will to the benefit of Cancer Research UK & the Institute of Cancer Research.

**For more details please contact your nearest MJP LAW office.**



## Moving Home?

As the housing market begins to pick up, here is some good news if you are moving home! MJP LAW set price residential conveyancing fees will remain affordably priced:

**Sale Legal fees from £500 plus VAT**

**Purchase Legal fees from £500 plus VAT**

We are also able to produce your Home Information Pack (HIPS) at £350.00 (inclusive of VAT & disbursements). HIPS contain legal documents and a Property Information Questionnaire which must be truthfully and accurately completed by the seller to the best of their knowledge as this will be relied upon by the buyer.

The advantage of instructing MJP LAW to produce your HIP is your free choice of Estate Agent, you are the owner of the HIP and if you wish to move to another Estate Agent there are no restrictions on the HIP moving with you.

**We also offer a range of Commercial Conveyancing services and please telephone your nearest MJP Law office for a competitive no obligation quote.**

## Citizens Advice

MJP LAW Solicitors provide free legal advice on a rota basis at local Citizens Advice Bureau offices.



# Specialist Equine Law Services Launched

Equine law is a diverse and specialist field, but over the last few months many horse & stable owners have been referred to MJP LAW, as it gathers a growing and glowing reputation as a specialist in this area of law.

Common legal issues include contractual agreements & disputes, sale & purchase disputes, personal injury and riding accidents, health & safety demands, hire agreements and passport/transportation legalities to name but a few.



As a horse owner herself, Solicitor Lisa Lane (Pictured with her horse Rocco) offers a thorough understanding of the range of issues facing the equestrian world, along side Principal Solicitor Martin Pate, who represents the NFCDA on Equine matters as well as other livestock (see 'New Forest Commoners Defence' story below).

If you own a horse or a stable, or know anyone that does, the chances are that expert Equine legal advice and/or representation will be required from time to time.

Whether the involvement with horses is in a business capacity or a passionate hobby; access to the latest, specialist legal advice and guidance is essential. This is why MJP LAW has launched its specialist Equine Law Services.

**For Equine enquiries, contact MJP LAW at its Verwood office.**

## New Forest Commoners Defence Representation

MJP LAW is delighted to announce its support of the New Forest Commoners Defence Association (NFCDA) on a pro bono basis.



MJP LAW Principal Martin Pate is the Honorary Solicitor to the NFCDA acting as their legal advisor, safeguarding commoners' interests and their ponies & stock.

Martin represents the NFCDA in its key role of investigating and, in appropriate cases, supporting any compensation claim on behalf of any Association member, in respect of the death or injury of an animal depastured in the Forest.

MJP LAW and the NFCDA will also assist members in meeting a claim in respect of damage alleged to have been caused by an animal depastured in the Forest.

**For more information about Martin's work on behalf of the NFCDA, please contact Martin Pate directly at any MJP LAW Office.**

