

How to Instruct Us

All members of Henderson Chambers are self-employed and independent law practitioners. Our experienced and skilled clerking team, led by Chambers Director Jason Housden and Senior Practice Manager Daniel Kemp will be happy to assist you by recommending the barrister or team most suited to deal with any given case, and suggest the best way for you to access our services. The clerks are the first point of contact for all our clients, and have an extensive knowledge of barrister's areas of practice and availability.

Terms of Engagement

Unless otherwise agreed in advance, in writing, between the barrister and professional client, members of Henderson Chambers accept instructions under the Bar Council's Standard Contractual Terms and Conditions (updated for the GDPR in 2018). The clerks would be very happy to discuss alternative contractual and fee arrangements in advance should the need arise.

Members of chambers are typically instructed by solicitors in the UK and internationally, both in house and in private practice, but are also able to accept instructions from:

- Employed Barristers
- Authorised Litigators
- Licensed Conveyancers
- Financial Institutions
- Charities
- Parliamentary Agents
- Patent Agents
- European Patent Attorneys
- Trade Mark Agents
- Notaries

We also accept instructions from corporate professionals and bodies who are licensed under the Bar Council's Licensed Access Scheme. More information of which can be found on the Bar Council's website.

We have links with lawyers in other jurisdictions, and are happy to work in co-operation with legal professionals in all parts of the world. We have done so successfully in the past including forming teams with lawyers on several different continents.

Fee Transparency

Professional (or licensed access) clients may contact chambers to obtain a quotation for legal services using the contact details provided on this document. Members of public wishing to obtain a quotation should visit the public access section of our website.

The most commonly used pricing models for legal services are charges by an hourly rate, a fixed fee or an agreed brief fee and refreshers. A brief fee is a fixed fee which covers preparation for a hearing and attendance at the first day. A refresher is a fixed fee for attendance at each subsequent day of the hearing. Fees will be subject to VAT where applicable.

The areas of law in which members of chambers most commonly provide legal services are described on the expertise section of our website and on the profiles of individual members of chambers. The legal services most commonly provided are advocacy and advisory services.

Factors which might influence the timescale of the provision of legal services include the complexity of the matter; the availability of the client, the barrister and any relevant third parties; the volume of documents to review; the need for additional information or documents; court waiting times and the urgency of the matter.

Client Confidentiality & Conflicts

Due to the nature of work undertaken in chambers we are often instructed by multiple parties to one action. There may also be occasions where there is a need to provide confidentiality in any event. Chambers has robust procedures to ensure confidentiality is maintained.

Barristers' Regulation

Barristers at Henderson Chambers are regulated by the Bar Standards Board. The Barristers' Register is an online database with details of all barristers who are authorised to practise in England and Wales and who have a current practising certificate. The register will display the dates for which barristers' practising certificates are valid. It includes information about barristers' practising status, their practising address, the reserved legal activities they are authorised to undertake and whether they have been the subject of any disciplinary findings which are published on its website.

Feedback & Complaints

Our aim is to give you a good service at all times. We welcome feedback from our clients (and lay clients) at any time and understand that it is the primary way of improving our service. However, if you wish to raise a complaint please visit the feedback and complaints page of our website for further information. Lay clients may complain directly to chambers or the Bar Standards Board without going through their solicitors in the first instance, professional clients are asked to convey this to lay clients.

Professional Insurance

All members of chambers have professional liability insurance provided by the Bar Mutual Indemnity Fund Ltd. Territorial coverage is world-wide and subject to the terms of the Bar Mutual.

Further information

- Bar Council Standard Contractual terms - <https://www.barcouncilethics.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/22.05.18-approved-contractual-terms-for-GDPR-pdf2-1.pdf>
- Bar Council Licensed Access information - <https://www.barcouncil.org.uk/bar-council-services/for-the-public/licensed-access.html>
- Henderson Chambers confidentiality - <https://www.hendersonchambers.co.uk/about-us/client-confidentiality-and-conflicts-policy/>
- Henderson Chambers feedback & complaints process: <https://www.hendersonchambers.co.uk/about-us/feedback-and-complaints/>
- Bar Council Public Access information: <http://www.barcouncil.org.uk/using-a-barrister/public-access/>
- Legal Ombudsman decision data: <https://www.legalombudsman.org.uk/information-centre/data-centre/>
- Bar Standards Board Register: <https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/for-the-public/search-a-barristers-record/the-barristers-register.html>