

Services for you and your family



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Helping with life's challenges

When family life becomes complicated by conflict, accidents or negligence, or you simply need a professional to guide you through changes, Boyes Turner's approachable private client teams have over 30 years' experience of giving straightforward, caring advice when you and your family need it the most.

Our Private Client teams can help you with:

- Medical negligence
- Personal injury
- Mesothelioma and asbestos disease claims
- Court of Protection
- Community care
- Special educational needs
- Family law
- Residential property
- Wills, trusts and probate
- Contentious probate
- Dispute resolution
- Private immigration
- Notary public services



Services in focus
**Care, compassion
and confidence**



Medical Negligence

Our leading medical negligence team have helped countless individuals and families to rebuild their lives by securing compensation, practical support and rehabilitation after their lives have been devastated by negligent treatment.

The compassionate and highly skilled team ensure that clients' true needs are reflected in settlements that are structured to cover capital costs and provide long-term financial security. Their consistent success in severe and complex claims has earned them the reputation as the 'go-to' medical negligence team in the region.

The team has a particular expertise in:

- cerebral palsy and child brain injury arising from birth asphyxia and trauma
- neonatal brain injury including kernicterus (jaundice) and hypoglycaemia
- cauda equina/tetraplegia/spinal injury
- amputations due to poor diabetic treatment and infection
- infection-related brain injury including meningitis and sepsis
- fatal cases and loss of dependency including cases involving cancer
- maternal obstetric injury
- brain damage
- complications following surgical error, delayed diagnosis, anaesthetic errors or prescribing mistakes and anaphylaxis
- cardiac damage from undiagnosed heart attacks or misdiagnosed cardiac conditions
- helping dependent families claim compensation where their loved one died as a result of medical negligence

“...friendly, responsive and professional, and the team works together seamlessly.”

Personal Injury

For individuals and families whose lives have been catastrophically affected by injuries, our compassionate and caring team not only deliver exceptional legal expertise to secure long-term financial security, but understand the huge importance of rehabilitation to address physical, psychological, vocational and social needs.

Their experience of the claims process has helped countless children and adults regain their independence in the aftermath of an accident by helping them to access timely, targeted rehabilitation.

The team deal with all types of personal injury claim including:

- accidents at work
- amputations
- mesothelioma and asbestos disease
- brain and head injury
- criminal injury
- fatal accident
- road traffic accident
- holiday accident
- spinal injury
- complex multiple injuries

“...very positive, caring organisation” with “great communication skills and willingness to listen.”



Asbestos and Mesothelioma

“...efficiency, tenacity, kindness and empathy made this experience really stress free...”

Boyesturner's mesothelioma and asbestos disease claims team is one of the most experienced industrial disease teams in the UK and is nationally recognised for its handling of complex and substantial cases.

We help people from a wide range of occupations, from plumbers and fitters who have handled asbestos regularly in their employment to teachers and shop workers whose exposure to asbestos may be less obvious.

The team represent clients with mesothelioma (an asbestos related lung cancer) and other asbestos related diseases such as pleural thickening and asbestosis, as well as families of loved ones who have passed away due to asbestos disease. They combine high standards of professionalism with compassion and understanding, and have excellent relationships with many related agencies and charities.

The friendly and approachable team has an impressive track record of successful claims including:

- cases arising from low-level asbestos exposure
- environmental exposure to asbestos (from living near an asbestos factory for example)
- secondary exposure cases (for example, breathing in dust from the clothes of family members)
- securing Court Orders for funding of future treatment (whether immunotherapy or second/third line chemotherapy) that is not available on the NHS

Court of Protection

The Court of Protection was established by the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and helps vulnerable people who are unable to make their own decisions. The Court makes decisions for them about their money, property, health or welfare. The Court can appoint someone else, known as Deputy to make decisions on their behalf.

Our nationally recognised Court of Protection team regularly take on the important role of professional Deputy, usually in matters involving injuries leading to compensation claims where there are no family or friends who can take on this responsibility.

When acting for family members as a Deputy (known as a 'lay Deputy'), they can provide as much or as little support as required. Similarly, they can also act for those with age-related illnesses. The team's work also involves acting as a professional Trustee in compensation claims where a person has sustained a physical disability but has retained mental capacity. These are known as Personal Injury Trusts.

Our solicitors can visit clients at their home where they may feel more comfortable. This commitment, plus their wealth of professional connections ensures truly holistic support for the most vulnerable of clients.

Our Court of Protection team's work usually, but not exclusively covers:

- acting as a professional Deputy or Trustee
- applying for a family member or friend to be a Deputy
- one-off orders to the Court for matters such as gift applications, tax planning and the purchase and sale of property
- statutory will applications
- health and welfare disputes

“The team leaves no stone unturned and is very good at explaining complex and emotional issues to clients.”



**“Knowledgeable,
organised, responsive,
diligent, empathetic
and human.”**

Community Care

Community care is the term used to describe services provided to adults and children by public authorities to meet the needs arising from their disabilities. Services they may need could include assistance with arranging and funding care at home, respite care, adaptations to their property, care homes, nursing homes and supported living.

Our specialist team provide advice on how to access the education, health and social care support that you, or your loved one may be entitled to. In addition, we may be able to assist with challenging decisions made by public bodies.

Issues that our experts can assist you with include:

- securing care and support from a local authority
- NHS Continuing Healthcare and Continuing Care funding, eligibility, care planning, appeals and annual reviews
- direct payments and personal budgets
- financial assessments and care charges disputes
- mental capacity, best interests decision making and the Court of Protection
- deprivation of liberty safeguards
- transition to adulthood

Special Educational Needs

Our Special Educational Needs (SEN) team here at Boyes Turner are in high demand across the country for their niche ability to conduct a case from beginning to end. The team have been helping children and young adults with learning disabilities get the extra help and support they need for over ten years.

Armed with such vast successful experience of handling complex cases, plus close ties to relevant professional bodies, their expert advice is balanced with care, passion and empathy.

Getting an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or Individual Development Plan (IDP) for your child is not a quick process or indeed a straightforward one. It involves following a specific set of legal procedures and tests and putting together evidence from educational, medical, social care and other professionals to develop a picture of your child and the help they require. This can be an emotionally draining process.

**“...passionate
professionals who
are empathetic,
highly skilled and
knowledgeable with
regard to Education
and SEN Law.”**

Our team can offer as much or as little assistance as required. Examples of the team's work includes:

- discussing what needs to be done before a request for an EHC needs assessment or additional learning needs assessment is made
- appealing against:
 - the content of an EHCP or IDP, including the named school/college
 - refusal to assess or issue an EHCP or IDP
 - decision to end the EHCP or IDP

This can include preparing evidence, instructing experts, liaising with the local authority, schools and case managers, through to drafting Tribunal documents and full representation at the hearing

- taking over dealings with the local authority, including attending mediation, liaising with the school and attending annual reviews

If you have any issues that are not in this list please call the team to discuss them. It is very likely that they will be able to help.



Moving forward together

Helping families prepare for and deal with big life changes, our private client team gives clear, pragmatic and practical advice to ensure that you feel confident and in control during uncertain or challenging times.



Family Law

Our family law services are often required at times of high stress, when emotions run high amid life-changing circumstances. At times like this, experience and clear communication from trusted, friendly advisers is vital.

With our revolutionary joint services that assist a couple together, the divorce/separation process becomes a faster, less expensive and generally more positive experience for all those involved. These services can include an Assessment and Information Meeting (AIM), mediation, joint lawyer support and early neutral evaluation; each carefully designed to help you through from start to finish in a way that minimises conflict. If those services aren't right for you we can offer robust, clear and pragmatic advice to you as an individual to support you every step of the way.

Regardless of whether your circumstances are simple or more complex, it's important to take advice as early as possible to achieve the best outcomes and avoid going to court. Our team offers a free exploratory call to discuss your options, and can also work with you remotely wherever you are located.

Our experienced family team can provide pragmatic and practical advice on many areas including:

- divorce and separation
- arrangements and disputes relating to children
- financial arrangements on divorce or separation
- complex finances, including pensions, trusts and business interests
- issues faced by unmarried families
- cohabitation agreements
- domestic abuse and injunctions
- emergency financial remedies
- enforcement of orders and agreements
- same sex relationships and civil partnerships
- issues faced by parents and grandparents
- Sharia law in relation to Islamic marriage and divorce



“This is a high quality, innovative team delivering the kind of work and client service normally only experienced from niche London specialist private client firms.”

Wills, Trusts and Probate

When planning for the future, the critical priority for many people is to protect and preserve wealth for the benefit of their family and loved ones.

Whatever your stage in life and personal and financial circumstances, there are a number of key priorities:

- to make or update your will
- to ensure you have in place appropriate powers of attorney
- to appoint trusted individuals to manage the process of probate and estate administration in the event of your passing

Our experienced and empathetic lawyers understand that these are delicate and highly personal matters, which some people find difficult to discuss. Our team can sensitively guide you through all the complexities delivering straightforward advice that will give you the peace of mind and confidence that your estate is in order and your loved ones are provided for in accordance with your wishes.

Residential Property

Our award-winning property team specialise in residential property transactions of all sizes and levels of complexity. From new build starter homes through to executive homes, central London properties, buy-to-let property, country estates and everything in between.

Whatever the scale, property transactions can be challenging and stressful with huge values at stake, so it's important to find a solicitor who can offer clear communication, experience and flexibility. Every transaction is different so our service is not a one-size-fits-all approach.

Delays can be one of the most frustrating aspects of property transactions so the team aims to provide complete transparency at all times. Clients are assigned a named lawyer from the outset of their transaction who is available to provide updates and answer questions, with 'phone calls being returned on the same day. The team understands the reassurance and confidence that comes from feeling fully in control, and this is one of the main reasons why clients use and recommend Boyes Turner for their property transactions time and time again.

The team specialise in:

- residential sales and purchases
- purchase of new homes
- plot sales
- property disputes

“...extremely impressed with the conveyancing service we received...”



The power of partnership

At Boyes Turner, we are exceptionally proud of our long-term relationships both with our clients and with each other here within our teams. 64% of our partners have worked at Boyes Turner for 10 years or more, and the benefits of these close-working relationships, depth of experience and supportive connections pass directly on to our clients.

Our wider teams can also help you with:

- Business support and insolvency
- Commercial services
- Corporate law
- Debt recovery
- Dispute resolution
- Employment law
- GDPR and data protection law
- Property law

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