Supporting London this winter

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As winter approaches, legal problems can become more pressing. Our Hendon-based team supports individuals, families and businesses across London with practical advice and representation.

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Immigration | Planning ahead

Earned settlement: the November update

The Government published its response to the earned settlement consultation on 2 November 2026. Its announced approach links settlement to factors including conduct, contribution and integration. Check the applicable Immigration Rules, commencement dates and transitional provisions for your own route before making decisions.

Visa expiry, refusals and delays

Keep application receipts, permission dates and Home Office correspondence. If a visa expires, a refusal arrives or an application is delayed, seek individual advice promptly. Do not assume that an application or complaint protects your status or extends a deadline.

Source: gov.uk/government/consultations/earned-settlement

British nationality and complex cases

Six different forms of British nationality

British citizenship; British overseas territories citizenship; British overseas citizenship; British subject status; British National (Overseas); and British protected person status. Rights differ between these categories; a British passport alone does not establish the right to live in the UK.

Our immigration team

Alvyn Kee, solicitor and Head of Immigration, qualified in 2007. We assist with private life and lengthy residence histories, asylum, immigration bail, nationality and challenges to refusals. Mandarin and Cantonese immigration enquiries: 07767 581603 (call or WhatsApp).

Source: gov.uk/types-of-british-nationality

Housing | A safe home

Eviction, homelessness and winter disrepair

Keep notices, court papers, council decisions, dated photographs and correspondence about damp, mould, leaks or heating. Tell us about urgent deadlines and health or safety concerns. Seek advice early if your home is at risk.

Legal aid and acceptance

Funding depends on the applicable scheme, scope, financial eligibility where required and legal merits. Acceptance is also subject to conflicts and capacity. An enquiry does not confirm representation. The Housing Loss Prevention Advice Service offers government-funded help for qualifying possession situations under separate rules.

Sources: gov.uk/check-legal-aid • gov.uk/guidance/legal-aid-for-possession-proceedings

Personal injury | Winter accidents

Road collisions, slips and falls

After an accident, prioritise safety and appropriate medical attention. If safe, record the date, location, circumstances, witnesses and relevant photographs. Retain medical records and receipts, and keep a record of time away from work.

Discuss a possible claim

Our team assesses road traffic, cycling, pedestrian, workplace and public-place injury enquiries. Anthony Watson brings almost 30 years of practical casework experience under solicitor supervision. No Win No Fee funding may be available for suitable claims, subject to assessment and written terms; ask about costs and deductions.

No claim outcome or compensation amount can be guaranteed.

Family law | The festive period

Children and separated parents

Plan holiday arrangements early, focusing on children's routines, travel, handovers and their welfare. Keep communication clear and respectful. Check any existing court order before agreeing changes. Where appropriate and safe, mediation may help parents reach agreement.

When you need advice

Our family team can discuss child arrangements, divorce, financial matters and domestic abuse. If there are immediate safety concerns, seek appropriate urgent help. Bring relevant orders, correspondence and a brief chronology to your consultation.

Source: gov.uk/looking-after-children-divorce

Business | Protect your interests

Commercial leases: before signing

Before signing a lease or committing a deposit, obtain independent legal advice. Ask about rent, repair obligations, service charges, permitted use, breaks, renewal, assignment and personal guarantees. Request a written quotation and clarify what is included.

Civil litigation and contracts

Keep signed agreements, invoices, correspondence and a timeline if a payment or contractual dispute arises. Our team can assess the issues, costs, risks and practical options for resolving the matter.

Your legal team across London

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