



Are you looking for expert legal help? Learn how to find a solicitor whose expert skills and experience have been accredited by the Law Society.

Expert help...

Many solicitors concentrate their work in one or two areas of law. They can offer you skilled, professional legal advice and services.

Some solicitors earn Law Society accreditation in their area of specialisation. Law Society-accredited specialists - known as **panel members** - have expert skills, knowledge and experience that are tested and certified against the highest standards.

Panel members offer expert help with problems and issues in many areas of the law:

- Children law
- Civil and commercial mediation
- Clinical negligence
- Family law
- Family mediation
- Immigration law
- Mental Health Review Tribunals
- Personal injury
- Planning law

Where to look



At www.solicitors-online.org.uk search for the contact details of a panel member near you. Look for this symbol (left) - it means a panel member works at the firm.

Or telephone **0870 606 6575**, describe the legal issue you're facing, state your postcode, and ask for the contact details of a nearby panel member.

In telephone directories or on the high street, look for firms of solicitors that display Law Society-accredited logos; they are exclusively displayed by firms with panel members.

Panel members can help

All panel members have completed a range of demanding tests, including exams, interviews and role-play assessments. Their skills, knowledge and experience - in their area of specialisation - have been certified against Law Society standards.



Contact a **Children Panel** member if you need specialist help with care proceedings. They can also help with matters such as family breakdowns, residence, contact, emergency protection, adoption, parental responsibility and human rights.



Mediation involves a trained, neutral third party using their skills to bring two sides in a dispute to a resolution, without resorting to litigation. While **Civil and Commercial Mediation Panel** members may specialise in certain kinds of disputes, they have good general dispute-resolution and mediation skills.



Clinical Negligence

Clinical Negligence Panel members provide advice and assistance with claims arising from medical or dental negligence matters.



Family Law

Family Law Panel members specialise in family law issues such as divorce, separation, division of family assets, co-habitation, maintenance and family disputes.



Family Law Advanced

Family Law Panel Advanced members provide advice and assistance to clients in more-complex family law cases.



Family Mediation

Contact a **Family Mediation Panel** member if you need mediation services in family and matrimonial disputes. Family mediators may specialise in children-only or financial-only mediation.



Immigration Law

Solicitors and solicitors' employees on the **Register of Accredited Immigration and Asylum Practitioners** can help with asylum and business-related immigration applications. They also advise on aspects of welfare, the legal system, legal aid, taxation and corporate issues that affect immigrants.



Mental Health Review Tribunal

Mental Health Review Tribunal Panel members advise and represent patients at tribunal hearings where detained patients' cases are reviewed and discharge decisions are taken. Members often offer legal advice on other aspects of mental illness and incapacity.



Personal Injury

Personal Injury Panel members provide advice and representation to people who have sustained personal injury and to relatives of those who have been fatally injured as the result of an act of alleged negligence and/or breach of statutory duty.



Planning Law

Planning Panel members advise on all aspects of the planning process - including planning applications and appeals, enforcement, listed-building and conservation-area applications, compulsory purchases, tree-preservation orders, development on contaminated land and other situations in which special planning controls apply.

Visit www.panels.lawsociety.org.uk for further details of services offered by Law Society-accredited specialists.

The Law Society 113 Chancery Lane London WC2A 1PL
Phone: 0870 606 6575 www.lawsociety.org.uk