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Licensing Law

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Our team of licensing specialists cater for all the legal needs of the licensed trade.

We will guide you through the complexities of licensing legislation in order to help realise the potential of your business.

How we work

Our legal expertise is reinforced by our understanding of the sectors, processes and procedures related to Licensing law.

We can help businesses with all licensing matters relating to alcohol, public entertainment and retail.

We can assist with the licensing of public houses, restaurants, off-licences, supermarkets, late night venues, music and sporting events.

We have broad experience of the licensing sector and can act for independents and smaller operators, through to multiple site operators and PLC's. From advising on making an initial application through to ensuring that your license is preserved, we can help.

We recognise that time is a valuable asset and we are happy to meet with you at your premises.



Types of work undertaken

We have experience in advising:

- Landlords
- Owners
- Premises License Holders
- Designated Premises Supervisors

We can also support door staff with an application and retention of their SIA status.

Our work includes advising on, and making applications for new and amended:

- Premises licenses
- Personal licenses
- Club premises certificates
- Designated premises supervisors
- Temporary event notices
- Roadside trading licenses
- Variations
- License transfers
- Operating schedules

We can also advise on the licensing of gambling and sexual encounter establishments.

Representation

Our team of court advocates can represent you at committee hearings and appeals and if the need arises, at any court proceedings for any regulatory breaches.

At a recent Licensing committee hearing we successfully argued against police opposition to our clients' application to extend their licensing hours for regulated entertainment and the sale of alcohol.

Our local knowledge enabled us to undermine the opposing grounds and get the outcome our client hoped for. Our client stated that this outcome would "increase turnover by 40%."

Our approach

Communication is key to a successful outcome in the licensing process. We will tailor your needs with the licensing objectives at all times:

These objectives are typically:

- The prevention of crime and disorder,
- Public safety,
- Prevention of public nuisance, and
- The protection of children from harm

We facilitate communication with Licensing Departments in order to reduce delays and to ensure that you obtain only necessary and proportionate conditions that suit your business.

Our professional relationship with the Licensing Department helps to enhance your ongoing relationship with them.



How much will it cost?

The question of costs will be dealt with at the outset of any instructions. We charge on an hourly basis but can also agree to conduct work on a fixed fee basis. We will be transparent at all times on the question of costs ensuring that you have no surprises and are able to budget accordingly.

Added value

Our Licensing specialists are ably supported by specialist teams from across our firm, such as litigation, commercial property and company commercial providing clients with a truly integrated and tailored legal service.

Additional services include;

- Landlord and tenant
- Employment
- Food Hygiene
- Health and Safety
- Environmental
- Business acquisitions
- Commercial property
- Litigation

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