



Public Law

Experts in protecting
your rights

: Believe in justice for all



James Elliott
Head of Public Law

'We specialise in holding the state to account when it lets you down.'

Our public law department was set up in response to a growing demand for advice on decisions taken by public authorities. We have a team of 10 specialising in this work.

We primarily advise individuals who are in conflict with a public authority – be that central or local government. We are here to help protect individuals from the unlawful actions of government officials and to obtain redress for them. This includes where a public body has overstepped its powers or has failed in its duties to you, your family or your community.

In recent years we have acted for individuals who have suffered loss or injustice as a result of action by the Home Office, the police and social services including claims for unlawful detention, resulting in the payment of substantial damages.

Many of our Judicial Reviews arise from immigration decisions of the Home Office and we work closely with our immigration department as well as charities and campaign groups.

We will guide you

Challenging decisions of public bodies is a complex area of law. Usually it is necessary to look not only at the law, but official policies and procedures. Often there is a large amount of paperwork and records to be analysed and understood.

We are here to guide you through the maze and do our very best to ensure that your particular issue is properly considered and if a challenge can be brought to bring it on your behalf.

Where a public authority has acted unlawfully against you, the remedy is very likely to include an application for judicial review or a claim for damages. The procedure is complicated and can be confusing. We will help you through it every step of the way.

We have been awarded a contract by the Legal Aid Agency to provide free legal advice to those on low incomes for some areas of public law.

What you can expect

- At the first consultation we will ensure that we fully understand your circumstances and the legal issue you need help with.
- We will then assess your options and advise you on the best strategy to achieve your aims with a realistic estimate of costs at competitive rates. If you are on a low income and your type of case is covered by the legal aid scheme we will assess your eligibility.
- We will listen carefully to what you have to say and look at any documents with an expert eye.
- Our advice will be clear and confirmed in writing.
- We will be accessible throughout your case and it will be the responsibility of a single lawyer.
- Your case will receive careful attention and preparation at all times.
- We will use all our expertise to secure you the best result possible.

Our areas

With our range of expertise we can ensure that your case is placed with the lawyer best equipped to deal with it.

We have expertise in all of the following:

- Claims for damages against a public authority
- Challenging unlawful detention
- Challenging false imprisonment
- Challenging adverse Community Care decisions
- Advice and representation on all types of Judicial Review
- Emergency Judicial Review work including obtaining injunctions
- Advice and representation in respect of civil liberties and human rights generally
- Advice and representation if you have a dispute with a professional body such as the GMC or the SRA

What our clients say

'Everything is perfect - just keep up the great work. You are the best for a reason.'

'You are a very professional team and a wonderful organisation. My solicitor has completely transformed our lives and we are forever indebted to him.'

'I would like to show my appreciation to my solicitor. She handled my case efficiently. Thank you so much!'

'Your service is impeccable. I was always made aware of any development whatever it was.'

Here to help

Wilson's is a multi-disciplinary firm of experts so we are able to offer referrals to our highly regarded Family, Immigration or Crime teams if your case requires it.

We will work together to get the best outcome for you.

Get in touch

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