## Commercial dispute resolution

Litigation is undertaking legal action in the event of a dispute or wrong-doing. It assists your case if Temple & Co Commercial are appointed as early as possible into the dispute.

We can often add the most value when we are involved in disputes from an early stage. We can provide advice on how to avoid a dispute before one has even arisen, but if matters have already progressed beyond this, we can ensure that you are advised on the strengths of your case and the technical steps which can be taken to bolster your position.

We advise on all kinds of commercial disputes including breach of contract relating to the supply of goods and services, shareholder and partner disagreements, employment issues and debt collections. We employ creative techniques to help to resolve disputes.

Our focus is to keep control over disputes and the costs associated with them., to identify issues at an early stage and to pursue the most effective option. Our aim is to achieve the solution that you want, and we work to achieve this whenever possible.

We know that litigation is not the only way to resolve disputes. Where appropriate, we use alternative methods of dispute resolution - including arbitration and mediation - to achieve the most practical and commercial solution.

## We deliver:

- dependable advice and strategic thinking when you need it most
- early stage resolution of disputes to achieve a cost effective outcome
- commercially sensitive solutions that enable you to preserve relationships that matter
- commercial troubleshooting to help minimise disputes

You should be aware that Courts have the power to penalise people involved in proceedings if their conduct before proceedings were commenced does not comply with Pre Action Protocols, so getting advice prior to Court proceedings is crucial.

## What are Pre-Action Protocols?

Pre-Action Protocols are guidelines laid down by the Courts to encourage parties to resolve their dispute, where possible, without the need to resort to Court proceedings.

They do this by setting out various steps that the parties should comply with, principally setting out full details of their claims and/or defences within correspondence. The guidelines suggest what should be included in these letters and the timescales in which the parties should respond.