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Legal services for rural life



For specialist advice to the rural sector
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Welcome to Napthens

At Napthens, we offer a diverse range of legal solutions for rural life – be that for your business or for you personally. One thing you can be sure of is that we understand life on the land. When the head of our Rural department is from a farming background himself, with over 30 years experience in rural law, it only underlines how seriously we take the agricultural sector. It's through real experience that we are able to offer advice that counts not simply on a legal and financial level, but on an emotional level too. The commercial realities of modern farming and some of the most dramatic changes the agricultural industry has seen in recent years, demand legal expertise that you can count on.

Better positioned to help

Given our many years of agricultural experience, we've come to appreciate the particular issues that affect farmers and other rural businesses.

Our Rural team are specialist, experienced advisers who recognise your concerns and the issues you face, both daily and over the course of your life. As well as a dedicated Rural department, the team includes at least six solicitors from a range of services with expertise in the sector. Our professional advice covers a broad range of agricultural law and other legal issues affecting farmers, their families and employees, landowners and rural businesses of all kinds.

This includes:

- Sale and purchase of farms and businesses
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- Succession planning
- Employment law
- Tax and estate planning
- Partnership formation and dissolution
- Planning and development
- Tenancies and licences
- Tenancy disputes
- Rights of way and boundary disputes
- Negligence claims
- Pollution, health and safety prosecutions
- Contractual disputes
- Family and divorce
- Civil litigation

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Looking after your needs

From the sale and purchase of land or dealing with boundary disputes, through to helping you plan for the succession of your business - our expertise can help you. However, we go beyond your commercial needs. We can advise you on organising your affairs to protect family and business interests through the preparation and review of Wills, Lasting Powers of Attorney, Trusts and Inheritance Tax planning. At Napthens we also have experienced specialists who deal with delicate family matters such as separation, divorce and arrangements for children.

Speaking your language

We appreciate that farming is a business that never rests, so you may well need us to visit you. No problem. We will ensure you get best advice face-to-face if needs be, when and where you need us. It's a no-nonsense approach that meets your precise needs. And you'll find we don't talk in legal jargon – at Napthens we offer advice in a straight forward manner that will help you implement practical solutions.

Keeping you informed

Napthens is one of only 16 National Farmers Union Legal Panel Firms nationally, providing NFU members with a wide range of legal advice and playing an active role in local activities. Industry respected Partner Geoff Tomlinson is a regular speaker at seminars and contributor to the press and trade journals on legal issues affecting the rural sector. The team produces quarterly bulletin 'Rural Law' which is distributed throughout the region. Our grass roots involvement in the industry means we are close to the issues that affect you, so we can give proactive and relevant advice.



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Understanding the bigger picture

The rural economy has gone through significant changes in recent years. Commercial pressures on food and land, alongside pressures to diversify in business are issues we understand well. We recognise the opportunities and pitfalls that go hand in hand with such changes and in choosing a legal team that keeps on top of developments in both industry and law, you'll be better prepared to meet any challenge.

"I have really appreciated your open, honest approach, and the balanced guidance and professional knowledge you have offered."

Margaret Carus



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