

# County Court Judgments (CCJs)



**Lawson-West's dedicated team of experienced litigation and dispute resolution specialists can help you to manage legal disputes quickly and effectively. Regardless of whether you are the Claimant or the Defendant in a dispute, we are here to assist you.**

A County Court Judgement is an order that is made by the Court upon an individual or companies' failure to repay money that is rightfully owed.

Prior to receiving a CCJ, a debtor should be served with an initial Letter of Claim which will give a breakdown of any sums due and a deadline to settle the debt. Upon failure to comply with this letter, a further warning letter may be issued, or the creditors could alternatively commence with legal proceedings without further notice.

If a claim is issued, a copy of the same will be sent to the debtor/company who is afforded the opportunity to defend the claim. A debtor will then have 14 days to respond. Failure to respond will lead to a default judgment being made without any consideration of the debtor's circumstances.

Upon receipt of a claim a debtor/company should immediately address the claim and/or seek legal advice as a failure to do so is likely to result in a CCJ being made against them.

**At Lawson-West, we advise all of our clients to attempt to settle disputes outside of the Court prior to incurring the additional and unnecessary costs associated with bringing a claim to the court.**

**!!! Having a CCJ can have an adverse effect on a company's ability to obtain credit and can result in difficulties for the company when trading.**

We can assist parties by:

- Providing you with advice as to the strength of your potential claim/defence.
- Preparing any initial letters of claim.
- Negotiating with the other side.
- Preparing your claim form or defence.
- Submitting any additional court documents in support of your position.

Please note that the list above is not intended to be an exhaustive list of areas that our Lawyers deal with nor is the information above intended to substitute legal advice. You should always consult with a Lawyer directly.

At Lawson-West Solicitors, we offer professional, friendly and practical advice to ensure that your claim is defended and negotiated in a proactive way, aiming for the best outcome possible.

# Litigation & Disputes Team



At Lawson-West, we offer professional, friendly and practical advice to ensure that your commercial property dispute is handled in a proactive way with the best outcome possible.

## Contact Our Litigation & Disputes Team

Lawson West has a commercial property team as well as a litigation and disputes team, making us very knowledgeable in the resolution of commercial property legal disputes. You can email us or telephone us on our direct-line numbers shown. We want to hear from you.



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