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EQUINE LAW

Specialist legal advice in all aspects of equine law

Our equine law experts are also horse owners and truly understand the unique needs and challenges of equestrians.

They will advise on all legal aspects of owning a horse from buying, selling or co-owning a horse, to competing, stud agreements, livery agreements, jockey retainer agreements, sponsorship agreements and more.

We provide experienced and bespoke legal advice for businesses and individuals. Since 1591

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Equine agreements

Whilst historically deals in the equestrian industry were sealed on a handshake, the reality is that today such informalities do not provide legal protection where it is needed. A verbal agreement can easily lead to the parties later claiming something different to what was agreed at the time.

If you are buying or selling a horse it is important to protect both the buyer and seller with a written legally binding agreement. This will help to prevent any issues further down the line and resolve disputes that may arise.

Buying a horse

We will ensure your purchase agreement includes all the necessary details about your horse, for example, registered name, passport/microchip numbers, health, and behaviour. If later down the line problems arise due to misleading or withheld information you can rely on this agreement to protect you.

Selling a horse

We will create a comprehensive legal agreement that includes details about the horse's health, characteristics, any vices or other issues disclosed to the purchaser. The agreement will help protect you from any potential disputes or claims of mis-selling in the future. Your legal agreement should provide your buyer with the confidence that you are reputable, trustworthy and professional. It should also clearly outline the representations and warranties you will (and will not) provide to the buyer.

Co-owning a horse

A horse co-ownership agreement lays out the various responsibilities and duties associated with co-owning a horse. This includes outlining the division of shares, determining who will make decisions related to the horse's day to day care, livery, training and management. It will also outline the circumstances under which each co-owner may sell their share of the horse.

Additional equine agreements

We also provide legal advice for the following equine agreements:

- Horse loan agreements
- Stud / nomination agreements
- Livery agreements
- Jockey retainer agreements
- Sponsorship agreements

Equine disputes

If you believe you have been mis-sold a horse or have a horse ownership dispute, please contact us for legal advice. The most common disputes arise because of misleading information provided to a purchaser about the health or other characteristics of the horse.

Contact us if you need help with any of the following equine disputes:

- Sale and purchase disputes
- Ownership disputes
- Negligence claims
- Livery disputes

Further equine advice

We can also assist you with:

- Governing body representation
- Representation of riders and/or owners in disciplinary proceedings
- Advice on the rules and regulations of the applicable governing body
- Equine business sales and purchases
- Sale and purchase of equestrian properties

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Who should I contact?

If you need further information or advice please contact our equine law team on 01462 458711 (Hitchin). They will be happy to provide you with further information, a quotation or schedule an appointment to discuss your needs in more detail.

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