

Non-Contentious Business Agreement (Historic Abuse cases)

This Agreement is a legally binding contract between you and your solicitor. The Conditions are part of the Agreement. Before you sign the Authority, Form or give any instructions, please read everything carefully.

Agreement Date: 9th February 2026

Between:

Us, We: **Aiker Legal Limited**

And

You, Your, the Client: **Sharon Ruthven**

Scope of work included in this Agreement

All the work we do on your claim for compensation arising from personal historic abuse.

Scope of work excluded from this Agreement

The issue of court proceedings and any work consequent to the issue of court proceedings.

Paying us if you Win

If you win your claim, you pay us 20% of the compensation that we recover on your behalf in respect of our fees, plus applicable VAT at the standard rate (currently 20% of our fees). You also pay us any agreed disbursements (they're costs incurred to move the case forward or gather necessary evidence) we make on your behalf plus any applicable VAT.

Our fees reflect the following factors.

- (i) if you lose, **Aiker Legal** will not earn anything
- (ii) your case is complex and involves specialised knowledge on our part
- (iii) the time we spend on your case
- (iv) the volume of documents
- (v) the amount of money involved
- (vi) the importance of this matter to you
- (vii) what we consider to be a fair and reasonable charge for the work we do on your case.

Paying us if you Lose

If you do not gain an award of compensation following your claim, you do not pay us anything except pre-agreed disbursements and any applicable VAT.

Paying us if you end the Agreement

You can end this Agreement at any time. If you end this Agreement before the claim is won or lost you then are liable to pay us our disbursements and for the work, we have done on your claim at an hourly rate of £250 per hour for each hour of work we have done.

Paying us if we end the Agreement

We can end this Agreement if you do not keep to your responsibilities as set out in this Agreement. You then are liable to pay us our disbursements and for the work we have done on your claim at an hourly rate of £250 per hour for each hour of work we have done.

We can end this Agreement if you reject our advice about accepting a settlement. You then are liable to pay us our disbursements and for the work we have done on your claim at an hourly rate of £250 per hour for each hour of work we have done.

We can end this Agreement if we believe that you are unlikely to win. You do not then have to pay us anything except our disbursements.

Your responsibilities

Your responsibilities are to.

- (a) Give us clear instructions promptly which allow us to work on your claim properly.
- (b) Not to ask us to work in an improper or unreasonable way.
- (c) Not to deliberately mislead us or lie or exaggerate your claim.
- (d) Co-operate with us in pursuing your claim.
- (e) Pay for disbursements promptly when we ask for them.

Our responsibilities

Our responsibilities are to.

- (a) Always act in your best interests, subject to our professional obligations.
- (b) Explain to you the risks and benefits of pursuing your claim.
- (c) Give you our best advice about whether to accept any offer of settlement.
- (d) Give you the best information possible about the likely costs of your claim.

Paying us from your compensation

If you win you pay us the agreed percentage of the compensation that we recover on your behalf and any disbursements. You agree that we may receive on your behalf the money you recover. **Upon Redress settlement, the money will be paid into your designated account as per your initial redress application instructions, please advise us if you there are ever any changes to your bank details.**

On receipt of the redress funds Aiker legal will invoice you for the agreed fees as per this signed Agreement. The invoice will clearly state where you will need to transfer the funds to settle your account in full within seven (7) days.

Billing you for additional costs

We will send you request to authorise **any** disbursements as the claim progresses, **for your prior approval**. We will send you a final invoice of our fees and disbursements at the conclusion of your claim.

Rights to assessment under section 70 of the Solicitors Act 1974

You have a right to have our final bill (invoice) assessed by the Court under section 70 of the Solicitors Act 1974. Strict time limits apply for you to make any application for such an assessment. Those time limits are specified in section 70 of the Solicitors Act 1974 and if in doubt you should seek immediate legal advice.

Death

This Agreement automatically ends if you die before your claim is concluded. We will be entitled to recover our fees from **any awards made**. Your **beneficiaries** are then liable to pay us our disbursements and for the work we have done on your claim at an hourly rate of £250 per hour for each hour of work we have done.

What happens after this Agreement ends

After this Agreement ends, if any money is owing to us from you, we have the right to preserve our lien and may refuse to release documents to you or any new solicitor until that money has been paid.

Explanation of terms used.

(a) Our Fees

The percentage share of compensation we recover on your behalf that you agree to pay us, plus VAT;

(b) Claim

Your demand for compensation relating to personal historic abuse.

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- (c) Compensation
Money that we recover on your behalf.
- (d) Disbursements
Payments that we make on your behalf including experts fees or travelling expenses.
- (e) Lien
Our right to keep all papers, documents, money, or other property held on your behalf until all money due to us is paid. A lien may be applied after this Agreement ends.
- (f) Lose
Your claim for compensation has failed or you have stopped it on our advice.
- (g) Win
Your claim for compensation is decided in your favour by an award or settlement of money.

By signing the Authority form and or by providing continuing instructions, You, the Client, agree that You will be bound by and will fulfil your part of this agreement and comply with the Terms & Conditions above.

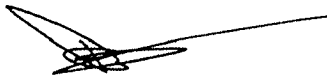
Client Name: **Sharon Ruthven**

Signed: X 

Dated: X 

Reference: **Dec/15**

Signed for Aiker Legal Ltd:



Raymond Baker

Director – Compliance and Operations

AIKER LEGAL LIMITED



Cancellation Notice

Your Non contentious Business Agreement or “No Win No Fee Agreement” with Us forms the contract between You and Us. YOU MAY CANCEL THIS NON-CONTENTIOUS BUSINESS AGREEMENT WITHOUT CHARGE, if You do so WITHIN 14 DAYS from the date upon which you received this notice from Us.

If You wish to cancel the contract, You MUST DO SO IN WRITING and deliver personally or send (Which may be by electronic mail) notice to the person named below. You may use this form if you want to, but you do not have to.

To meet the cancellation deadline, it is sufficient for you to send Your communication concerning your exercise of the right to cancel before the cancellation period has expired. However, where a dispute arises it is for you to show that the contract was cancelled within the relevant cancellation period.

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF NON-CONTENTIOUS BUSINESS AGREEMENT

To Aiker Legal Limited, Unit 4B Edison Court, Ellice Way, Wrexham Technology Park, Wrexham, LL13 7YT.
Email:enquiries@aikerlegal.org

I, Client (Full Name);, hereby give notice that I wish to cancel my Non-contentious Business Agreement under your reference case.

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Signed.

Full Name.

Date.

