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Woodfines Road Transport Law Team

Fixed price transport retainer service

All businesses operating in the road transport sector, engaged in journeys for either goods or passengers, require legal advice, guidance and representation. Our team of specialist lawyers can support your business and drivers in any area relating to road transport law, whether this is to start trading or to implement structural or management changes for an existing business; to arrange supplier contracts or assist where there is a contractual dispute; to manage personnel, including driving staff; or to navigate a path through often complex regulatory and compliance issues such as operator licensing, health and safety, environmental or DVSA investigations.

Woodfines Solicitors' specialist Road Transport team have a wealth of expertise and experience in all areas of law affecting road transport businesses. From operator's licences to Traffic Commissioner public inquiries or Court hearings, commercial property, employment or litigation matters, Woodfines can provide a 'one-stop' service to take care of your legal needs, at the level that your business requires.

How can Woodfines help?

Woodfines have put together a Transport Retainer Service which, for a fixed monthly fee, provides you and your business immediate access to expert advice in any area of law affecting your business. This unique access to a wealth of experience and specialist knowledge will give you peace of mind as you run your business.

As part of the Woodfines Transport Retainer Service, your business can get essential access to advice in the following areas of law:

Business Succession	Property Advice	Landlord and Tenant Advice
Business Start-Ups	Terms & Conditions for your Business	Compliance Advice
Dispute Resolution		Debt Recovery
Health And Safety Advice	Woodfines Transport Retainer Service	Environmental Advice
Employment Contracts	Employment Law	Public Inquiry Representation
O-Licence Review	Drivers' Hours Advice	Carriage of Goods Contracts



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With a leading regional presence, we are proven experts in road transport law and pride ourselves in our understanding of the practical issues and challenges facing your business. With four offices strategically placed on the major road network, we are genuinely accessible, allowing meetings and site visits whenever the need arises. We find it invaluable to visit our clients at their offices and operating centres to truly gain an understanding for the nature and type of work your business undertakes. Our emergency compliance team are also available 24/7, to ensure that matters of an urgent nature are attended to.

The advantage of this service is that it enables you to seek advice about issues as and when they occur, quickly and with all solicitor/client formalities already in place whenever any new matter arises.

What is included?

The Woodfines Transport Retainer Service provides the following services in return for a fixed monthly fee:

- Advice on your specific Road Transport problems delivered by qualified solicitors, by telephone, email, in writing, or in a face-to-face meeting. Within the cost of the service, we will prepare draft letters and brief you on the best way to ensure compliance with road transport law. This will include an agreed amount of one-to-one legal advice and thereafter a 10% discount on Woodfines' standard charges for work not covered by your retainer.
- A regular e-bulletin to keep you up to date with changes affecting the sector and your business
- Two complimentary places at one of our two annual Transport Conferences and a discount on further spaces.
- If you have needs for regular advice in additional areas, we are happy to discuss these with you and tailor the retainer to your requirements.
- You can also choose to add our employment advice retainer (WESS) as an option which provides advice delivered by qualified solicitors with specific knowledge of the road transport sector to guide you through the minefield of employment law.

The exact nature of your retainer will be formed following a face to face meeting, where your needs are assessed to ensure the best possible package is produced for you and your business. At this point, you will also receive a copy of the firm's Terms & Conditions and Terms of Business.

What will it cost?

Charges take the form of a fixed annual retainer based upon the particular requirements of your business including the size of your fleet, the number and spread of locations and number of employees. The first step to arranging your bespoke retainer would be to discuss your individual business needs and carry out an initial audit to ensure the retainer meets your specific requirements. Fees are reviewed annually and are payable monthly in advance. VAT is payable on all fees.

Contact us:

For further information or to discuss a potential retainer, please contact our Road Transport team at transport@woodfines.co.uk, or telephone our Cambridge (01223 411421) or Milton Keynes (01908 202150) offices.