

# Equine Law



Equine law is a diverse area of law. It covers a vast spectrum of legal issues relating to horses, horse riders and owners, equestrian properties and equestrian businesses.

Experience tells us that equestrian individuals and businesses alike need their legal advisor to have a strong understanding of all things “horse”. It is no good using your long-standing solicitor for any kind of equine legal transaction if they do not know the back end from the front end of a horse!

At Daltons, we have strong links with the equestrian community both locally and on a national level. We contribute articles to leading equestrian publications and publicly speak on equine law.

Our equine lawyers are horse owners, and they have a personal understanding of the issues, which matter to the equine community.

The equestrian industry is notorious for concluding deals on a “handshake” or on trust. We hear many stories about those who hand over cash for that special horse without even confirming the basic terms and conditions and seller’s signature are in a written contract. They end up having to decide between cutting their losses (and very often their pride!) or issuing court proceedings to settle a dispute.

By spending time at the beginning, our experts can help you avoid pitfalls, saving stress and money, not to mention valuable time in the saddle, at a later date. If disputes do arise, we have specialists on hand to help resolve your problems, perhaps without a formal court process.

Whether you are buying your dream horse or purchasing the perfect equestrian property, our specialist team can meet all your equine law needs, including:

#### Contracts

- Livery agreements: DIY, part, full, working
- Sale / purchase contracts
- Loan agreements
- Training agreements
- Stud / nomination agreements
- Syndicate agreements
- Liability disclaimers
- Groom employment contracts
- Employment

#### Disputes

- Sale / purchase
- Loan
- Livery
- Syndicate
- Property litigation
- Insurance
- Construction disputes for schools, stables and barns
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

#### Property

- Purchase/sale of equestrian property & land
- Equestrian business tenancies
- Landlord & tenant issues
- Equine diversification projects
- Grazing licences
- Profit à prendres
- Rights of way
- Planning

#### Other

- Personal injury - for rider & horse claims
- Defending litigation
- Family
- Horse passport regulations
- Import / export regulations
- Transportation regulations
- Partnership agreements
- Tax issues
- Horse welfare
- Limitation liability

We offer a high-quality and personal service. We are available to meet you at our offices in Petersfield and Hayling Island, but equally instructions can be taken and dealt with via the telephone for those clients who cannot attend our offices. Please contact us at anytime and we will be happy to discuss your requirements.