

LPL Commercial Investigations

Taking Legal Action

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Taking Legal Action With LPL



In some cases, as part of the debt collection process LPL will recommend legal proceedings. LPL in association with Harris da Silva, solicitors, offer a comprehensive legal service in England and Wales. (Elsewhere in the UK and around the world, other arrangements apply.)

This includes issuing proceedings through to entering judgment, execution, third party debt orders, charging orders and winding up or bankruptcy proceedings. Our services include dealing with all the documentation on your behalf and liaising with Harris da Silva throughout to ensure that the proceedings are conducted as expeditiously as possible.

When a successful collection is achieved (including interest and statutory costs) the majority of overall costs of the proceedings will generally be recovered from the customer. (Please see the example overleaf)

The table overleaf details the initial disbursements required to start the proceedings and explains your total costs liability for undefended proceedings. In the case of defended proceedings,

LPL will discuss with you the defence and /or counterclaim filed by the customer and advise you on the most appropriate way forward.

When LPL recommends legal action you will find our standard instruction forms attached (L5D & X21) to enable you to start the process. These forms will set out the initial disbursements and information required.

We will also require the details of at least one of our client's signatories together with a copy of the photograph page of passport or driving license, two utility bills if the client is a partnership or sole trader, to comply with the current Money Laundering Regulations, this is now a legal requirement and standard procedure throughout the legal system in Europe.

LPL will do as much as possible to use the legal system quickly, successfully and cost effectively but you must familiarise yourself with the total cost of issuing proceedings overleaf.

If you have any questions on the above or if you require details on commencing legal proceedings outside England and Wales, please contact us on:

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COST OF UNDEFENDED COURT PROCEEDINGS

A	B	C	D	E	F
Debt amount including interest, late payment compensation	Court issue fee required to commence proceedings	Solicitors charges	Statutory costs recoverable from customer	Total costs payable by you if successful	Total cost payable by you if unsuccessful
£1.00 - £300	£35.00	£134.00	£95.00	£74.00	£169.00
£301 - £499	£50.00	£135.00	£105.00	£80.00	£185.00
£500 - £1000	£70.00	£162.00	£155.00	£77.00	£232.00
£1001 - £1500	£80.00	£189.00	£205.00	£64.00	£269.00
£1501 - £2000	£115.00	£189.00	£210.00	£94.00	£304.00
£2001 - £3000	£115.00	£230.00	£210.00	£135.00	£345.00
£3001 - £5000	£205.00	£286.00	£290.00	£201.00	£491.00
£5001 - £9,999	£455.00	£355.00	£370.00	£440.00	£810.00
£10,001 - £15,000	5% of Debt Value	£503.00	From £415.00	From £588.00	From £1003.00
£15,001 - £50,000	5% of Debt Value	£531.00	From £675.00	From £606.00	From £1281.00
£50,001 - £100,000	5% of Debt Value	£531.00	From £2335.00	From £696.00	From £3031.00
£100K - £199,999	5% of Debt Value	£531.00	From £4860.00	From £671.00	From £5531.00
£200K - upwards	£10,000.00	£531.00	From £9675.00	From £856.00	From £10,531.00

EXAMPLE OF SUCCESSFUL RECOVERY

2 Invoices 6 months old Total debt £500	Initial disbursement £70.00	Solicitors charges £162.00	Paid by customer £500 + £21.25 interest + £80 late payment compensation + £155 statutory costs Paid £756.25	Total recovered £756.25 less £232.00 B+C Balance to you is £524.25 (£24.25 more than the invoices)
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What does it cost to take legal action?

- LPL requires the Court Issue Fee shown in column **(B)** to start the proceedings.
- Your total costs up to and including default Judgment will be the amount shown in column **(F)**.
- On a successful recovery, statutory costs are also recovered from the customer as shown in column **(D)**. Your total costs of the proceedings are therefore reduced by the statutory costs collected from the customer as shown in column **(D)** as well as the interest and late payment compensation (if claimed under The Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998. On occasions the balance due to you is more than the initial debt (see example above).
- The above table and example shows your costs up to and including obtaining default Judgment. If payment is still not made by the customer after default judgment is obtained and you need to enforce the judgment LPL will contact you to discuss the most appropriate way to do so. Costs of enforcement can vary between £200 and £350 depending on whether we use Court Bailiff or High

Court Enforcement Officer(s) but on successful actions the majority of these costs will be recovered from the customer.

- In the event of a defence and/or counterclaim being filed by the customer LPL will discuss this with you to enable you to decide whether or not to continue with the proceedings at our solicitors' preferential hourly charge out rate.
- If a recovery is made through our solicitors or LPL you will be invoiced by LPL for the agreed percentage fee on the amount recovered and the solicitor's costs as shown in column **(F)**, which will be deducted from the amount recovered, and the balance of the monies forwarded to you.
- If payment is made by the customer directly to you LPL will send you an invoice for the agreed percentage fee on the amount received and the solicitor's costs as shown in column **(F)** which is payable in 7 days.
- LPL will charge the agreed percentage fee only on recoveries achieved (LPL fees are not chargeable on recovered legal costs).
- Solicitors charges are subject to VAT at prevailing rate.

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✓ Immediate Same-day Action

✓ Results with Fast Turnaround

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