



HOLDING OUT POLICY

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Here at Hudson & Vale Law, we want to be as transparent as possible with our clients and the public and for that reason we have provided this holding out policy which is available on our website or by request at info@hudsonvalelaw.co.uk.

Holding Out is defined as conduct by a person or entity that leads another to believe that he possesses an authority that in reality they do not.

We understand that the services Hudson & Vale Law offers may be very similar to that of a regulated law firm or solicitor but we want to make it clear that Hudson & Vale Law is not a regulated law firm and as such we do not offer any services that are defined as regulated activities by the Legal Services Act 2007.

To ensure we are completely transparent, the regulated activities we do not engage in are:

- The Conduct of Litigation
- Rights of Audience
- Reserved Instrument Activities
- Probate Activities
- Notarial Activities
- The Administration of Oaths

At Hudson & Vale Law, our team includes experienced Paralegals and Lawyers. Some hold current practicing certificates, though we do not undertake reserved legal activities through this firm. Our role is to support you with your legal matter while upholding the same professional standards, ethical codes, and industry conduct expected of a regulated practice.

We have a formal complaints procedure, which you can view [here](#), and we maintain professional indemnity insurance that covers all advice and services we provide. A copy of our insurance certificate can be requested by emailing info@hudsonvalelaw.co.uk.

We hope that this provides you the ability to feel confident that by instructing Hudson & Vale Law, you are in capable hands.

We provide all clients with an engagement letter that outlines the services we will provide you and this is supported by our full terms of business.

We require all employee's or agents acting on behalf of Hudson & Vale Law to be a member of at least one relevant regulatory or professional body and to follow that regulators code of conduct at all times. This does not allow us to carry out the regulated activities defined above but it ensures that we act with honesty and integrity at all times and hold ourselves accountable to the same level as a regulated professional.

Litigation

In practice, having “the conduct of litigation” actually means:

- Appearing on the court record as the legal representative of the litigant (or other involved party) in question; and
- Being the party named on the court record to receive and prepare/file court documents and either undertake the advocacy or retain a barrister to do it.

Litigation does not include a range of day-to-day duties relating to defending or pursuing a legal case, some of the general activities that Hudson & Vale Law can undertake include but are not limited to:

- Giving legal advice
- Legal research
- Interviewing clients and witnesses
- Writing letters to the other side and third parties
- Dealing with insurers and funders Explaining the legal process
- Preparing legal documents, handling case files and performing general legal tasks

These additional services are called legal support services and are frequently carried out by Paralegals especially unregulated paralegals working in collaboration with barristers and litigants in person.

Rights of Audience

In English law, a right of audience is a right to appear and conduct proceedings in court. Hudson & Vale Law can only conduct Rights of Audience in limited circumstances, including:

- Where the court uses its discretion to permit Rights of Audience in individual cases
- Most first-tier Tribunals

If Hudson & Vale Law are assisting on a case that requires the exercise of Rights of Audience, you will be requested to instruct a Barrister through the Public Access scheme, sometimes we can continue assisting through the Bar Standards Board provision of outsourcing, this will be explained to you if it becomes a necessity.

Any questions about our holding out policy can be sent to info@hudsonvalelaw.co.uk.