



## Client Service Charter

Parrott and Coales is a member of LawNet, a group of over 60 independent law firms who share a common attitude to quality, growth and success, in order to improve services and efficiency. The Client Service Charter is part of that strategy.

Firms with the LawNet Mark of Excellence are committed to providing their clients with the highest standards of care and advice.

### Our commitments to you:

#### Listening

- ◆ We are committed to listening, understanding and helping you achieve your goals
- ◆ We will ask you what you think about our service which may include asking you to complete a client satisfaction survey.

#### Communication

- ◆ We will avoid jargon and use Plain English explaining any necessary legal terms
- ◆ We will communicate with you in the way you prefer
- ◆ We will tell you how long we expect things to take and update you regularly on progress
- ◆ If you contact us you can expect a response or an acknowledgement to inform you of the timeframe for a full response within one working day
- ◆ If the issue is more time sensitive or you tell us you need a response in a particular timeframe we will endeavour to meet your requirements.

#### Looking after you

- ◆ All our clients are valued and important
- ◆ We will let you know who will be working with you and give you their direct contact details
- ◆ We will let you know what to do if you need to contact us out of office hours
- ◆ We are committed to providing service that takes into account all your needs – not just the matter in hand
- ◆ We will be friendly, approachable and professional.

#### Fees

- ◆ We will be open and transparent about our fees at all times, providing fixed fees where possible
- ◆ Where not possible, we will give you the best information that we can on the likely total cost of your case at the outset
- ◆ Should anything alter we will contact you before we incur any additional costs
- ◆ Any bill we send you will be clear and itemised, showing the work done and amount charged.

#### Our people

- ◆ Our firm is committed to ensuring that our clients are central to everything we do
- ◆ We will ensure our people are properly resourced and have the appropriate training
- ◆ When assigning the right person to your case we will take into account your needs, expectations and budget
- ◆ We are committed to looking after our people because happy people do better work
- ◆ Our firm is regularly audited to ensure we maintain the high standards required to maintain the quality marks we hold
- ◆ We will check we are providing excellent service by regularly monitoring client satisfaction with mystery shopping and asking clients what they think.

#### To provide you with excellent service, we need you to

- ◆ Tell us what your objectives are and be clear about your expectations
- ◆ Respond as soon as possible to any requests for information
- ◆ Let us know straight away if anything changes
- ◆ Work cooperatively with us to set and achieve realistic timescales
- ◆ Appreciate that we have to follow a strict professional code of conduct
- ◆ Help us to keep working for you by paying our invoices on time
- ◆ Let us know if we are not providing you with the service you expected.

#### If things go wrong

- ◆ If things go wrong or you are less than happy with our service please tell us immediately – we welcome your feedback as it helps us provide a better service
- ◆ If we cannot resolve the problem we will let you know who to contact with your concerns.