

This leaflet describes our expertise in criminal law but Hatten Wyatt also provides a full range of legal services for private clients and businesses in Gravesend and throughout Kent and south east London.

When you need legal advice, talk to us as soon as you can. A solicitor's experience and expertise can often resolve a difficult situation before it has more permanent effects on you, your family or business. This is a summary of some matters we can help you with:

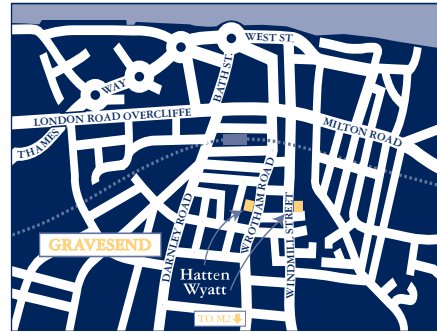
- Separation, divorce and children's issues
- Private disputes
- Personal injury
- Licensing applications
- Actions against the Police
- Employment problems (for employees and employers)
- Buying/selling your home
- Wills, tax planning and services for older clients
- Probate
- Contesting a Will
- Commercial property transactions
- Business services
- Immigration

We are committed to provide high quality advice and service to all our clients regardless of the nature or value of the matter. Your work will be supervised by one solicitor, with access to the combined knowledge of the firm, who will keep you informed about the progress of your case, explain the legal procedures and answer your questions and take into account the longer term implications as well as the immediate benefits of our advice.



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*Crime and advice at the
Police Station*





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*I*f you are arrested or taken to a Police Station, you have the right to talk to a solicitor. Our service is available at any time, day or night - call 01474 351199 during office hours or 07946 147 467 at any other time. This service is generally free to everyone.

Even if you have not been contacted by the Police (or some other official agency) but believe you or your family are being investigated, you should talk to us. These matters, and indeed any matter concerning the Police and crime, will benefit from our advice. Whether you have been involved with the Police before or not, being arrested is a traumatic experience. We can support you, make sure your rights are respected, explain the legal procedures and discuss with you what you should do next. Expert and prompt handling of your matter in the first instance may result in no further action being taken.

We handle all crimes from motoring offences to robbery. We treat all clients equally whatever the nature or seriousness of the alleged crime; we do not make judgments about you or the offence you are charged with. We are used to working at short notice but always encourage clients to talk to us at the earliest opportunity.

Criminal defence

- all forms of criminal activity
- drug related crime
- robbery and violence
- fraud
- sexual offences
- motoring offences
- alcohol related crime
- business/'white collar' crime
- Revenue & Customs matters
- prison law
- human rights
- private prosecutions
- parking adjudications
- DSS prosecutions
- trading standard prosecutions

Representation in court

- Magistrates' Court
- Crown Court
- Youth Court
- preparing and conducting appeals

At the Police Station

- 24 hour, free advice
- respecting your rights
- explanation of legal procedures
- wrongful arrest

If you have been taken to a Police Station/arrested: If you have been arrested or taken to a Police Station, you are entitled to legal advice. This is free. You can contact us at any time, day or night. Telephone 01474351199 in office hours and the appropriate emergency number at any other time.

Coming to see us: Our office is open from 9am to 5.30pm from Monday to Friday. Please telephone or call in to make an appointment. This means you will not have to wait more than a few minutes and we will have your files ready or, if you are a new client, make sure you see the appropriate solicitor. We have ground floor meeting rooms (please tell us when you make your appointment if you prefer one of these rooms).

Coming to see you: We will visit you at the Police Station or in prison.

Your appointment: We are happy to make appointments outside our normal office hours. When you contact us, just tell us what time suits you best.

Emergencies: Telephone or come to our office. We will provide legal advice as soon as we possibly can. Outside office hours, please telephone the appropriate emergency number overleaf.

Fees: Advice at the Police Station is generally free. We hold a franchise in criminal matters from the Legal Services Commission. This means our service meets their high standards in client care and practice management. If you qualify for community legal funding (previously Legal Aid), we will tell you and apply on your behalf.

Languages: In addition to English, members of staff can also speak French, Urdu, Gujarati and Punjabi. Please tell us if you would prefer to discuss your matter in a language other than English.

Your suggestions: We take pride in providing a high quality service to our clients but if, as our client, you think we can improve our service, please tell us how so we can do better next time you need us.