

This leaflet describes our expertise in licensing 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:

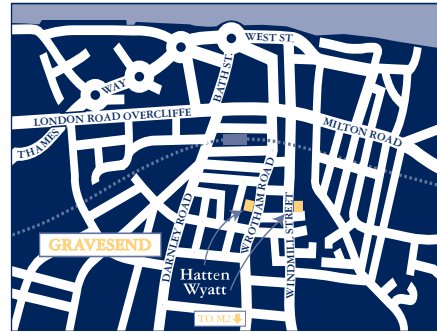
- Separation, divorce and children's issues
- Private disputes
- Personal injury
- Crime/advice at Police station/representation in court
- Actions against the Police
- Employment problems (for employees and employers)
- Buying/selling your home
- Wills, tax planning and services for older clients
- 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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Liquor Licensing Law





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Liquor licensing is a specialised area of law and, with the current and planned changes, it is important that you receive professional and expert advice. Our licensing team is well aware of how a licence - or the lack of it - can help or hinder the profitability of your business. We will handle the administration of your licensing, advocacy and general problem solving and track the progress of legislation enabling you to make the most of new opportunities and cope with future restrictions.

As the requirements of the Licensing Act 2003 come into force, your business could be closed down if you do not have the appropriate licence within the specified time limits. If you own or manage a business where alcohol is supplied, hot food is sold after 11pm or entertainment is provided, we can review your licensing needs, explain to you which licence is best for your business and apply for that licence on your behalf.

Central to the granting of a new or converted licence is what you and your business will do about public order and the prevention of crime. Private individuals, local businesses and the Police will have the right to object to your new licence or ask for it to be revoked. If they do object, we will prepare your case and represent you at the hearing.

Licences

- Licensable activities
- Premises licence
- Temporary event licence
- Club Premises Certificate
- Regulated entertainment
- Personal licence/designated premises supervisor
- Licensing for 'food-only' outlets
- Appeals

Advice and review

- Licensing Act 2003 advice
- Reviewing client' licensing requirements
- Converting an existing licence
- Statement of Licensing Policy
- Promoting the licensing objectives
- Varying a licence/advertising requirement
- Operating schedules
- Role for personal licence/designated premises supervisor
- Members only clubs
- '24 hours' trading
- Countering objections

Licensed premises

- Pubs
- Off-licences
- Clubs
- Restaurants
- Community halls
- Social clubs
- Members only clubs
- ◆ All premises serving hot food after 11pm

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 can visit you at the premises related to your licensing application.

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.

Fees: We will explain how we calculate our fees and prepare an individual estimate for your matter.

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.