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# surr+

Surr+ is a trademarked product, wholly owned by Bond Pearce LLP. It combines the benefits and flexibility of a Collective Conditional Fee Agreement (CCFA) and After the Event Insurance (ATE) to provide access to legal representation that is risk-free for claims worth over £5,000. We never charge you for our fees. Even if a claim is unsuccessful, our opponent's costs and any disbursements we have incurred in bringing the claim on your behalf can be covered by the ATE at no cost to you.

## The key benefits are:

- use of a Collective Conditional Fee Agreement to cover our costs for claims worth over £5,000 in England and Wales
- improved cash flow – no quarterly fees or invoices – we recover our costs from the opponent
- ATE cover for opponents' costs and your own disbursements
- early intervention and claims screening – we will identify claims that can be pursued through surr+ at no cost to you
- access to an experienced recoveries team with an exceptional track record
- sophisticated and reliable MI generated by our case management system and tailored to your requirements
- access to an extranet facility.

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## Where do we start?

### The evaluation

We will assess your claims and identify cases where there is a reasonable prospect of recovery.

There are then three possible courses of action:

#### 1. Accept on CCFA

If the case has reasonable prospects of success we will report back to you and once formally instructed, we will insure the claim under our delegated authority ATE scheme with Temple Legal Protection. Our fees, including the success fee and the ATE premium, are paid by the opponent. **You will not be responsible for any of our fees.**

#### 2. Further enquiries

For cases that need further enquiry to establish whether there is a reasonable prospect of recovery, we will charge an hourly rate subject to a fee cap to be agreed between us. If on completion of these enquiries we are satisfied that the case is worth pursuing, we would proceed as per step 1 above.

#### 3. Reject

If either following our initial review, or following further investigations, we consider that the case has no reasonable prospect of success we will report back to you, explaining why, and advise you not to proceed. **You will not be charged for any time incurred on these cases unless by prior agreement.**

If you decide to pursue the claim in any event, you will have the option to instruct us on a fixed fee basis to be agreed.

**Listen. Think. Talk.**

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**surr+ was commended in the Financial Times Innovative Lawyers awards in 2007, which recognised its benefits: “clients recover more money owed to them while removing the risk and costs of pursuing litigation”.**

**surr+ was shortlisted for the Law Society Excellence Awards in 2009.**

## What happens next?

### The claim begins in earnest

We will issue letters of claim and begin negotiations with opponents in an effort to resolve the claim without the commencement of formal proceedings. Subject to the case being covered by an ATE certificate we will fund any disbursements incurred during the life of the claim. **You will not be required to pay any interim fees or disbursement invoices.**

### Reporting

Our dedicated case management system captures an extensive range of management information, which can be tailored to your specific requirements.

### Settlement

Following resolution of the case, we will pay over any monies received within 14 days of receipt. We will recover our own fees and disbursements from the opponent.

### What if the claim fails?

If the claim fails we write off our own fees. Any disbursements we have incurred (and any claim for adverse costs) will be covered by the ATE policy.

**You will not be exposed to any liability for our costs or your opponents' costs.**

### Claims less than £5,000

The CCFA is not valid for these claims. However, if requested we will provide a proposal for handling these claims on your behalf.



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# Success stories

**We act for a wide variety of clients including individuals, self insured businesses, large insurers and blue chip companies.**

**Whether it is a claim for fire, escapes of water, flooding, impact, product liability or a multi party contractual dispute, we offer a free review and advice on the merits on pursuing a recovery.**

**We deliver excellent service and achieve the right results for all our clients...read our case studies to find out more...**

We acted on behalf of a private client whose property burnt down due to the negligence of a tenant. The building was not insured and we pursued a recovery against the tenant, claiming:-

- + costs of re-instating the building
- + loss of rental income
- + material damage

Understanding our clients' commercial needs and the importance of getting their money quickly, we undertook informal mediation and recovered for our client a cash settlement in excess of £700,000 and £80k in legal costs were saved.

**£80k Saved**

A property impact claim where a London bus collided with a flagship London office causing £200k of damage. The extent of the damage meant that repairs took 3 years to complete.

We were instructed whilst repairs were ongoing. We secured an early admission of liability and interim payments of £75,000. This ensured our client was reimbursed part of their losses before the claim was even finalised.

**Losses reimbursed**

We acted for the insurers of three properties severely damaged by flooding from a nearby development. We moved quickly to instruct an expert hydrologist to investigate before remedial works were implemented by the environment agency, which meant we secured vital evidence about the cause of the flood.

Our funding model means we can make decisions quickly and act fast. In this case we successfully recovered over £300k in damages at mediation, all at no cost to the client.

**Flexibility to act fast**

Since 2008 we have helped a number of major insurers and private clients recover their money following a wide variety of incidents affecting property, including fires, floods, explosions and building collapse - and all at no cost to them.

For one of our insurer clients we have handled over 1000 claims, recovering over £5m to their bottom line and saving them over £1.5m

**£1.5m saved**