



Choosing the most reliable solicitor

When choosing a solicitor, it is important to make an educated and informed decision.

In the initial stages, you should definitely contact the Law Society to see if they have records that show recent negligence statistics. This will enable you to see the solicitors who have experience and who provide services for properties situated in your locale.

The Law Society statistics will provide a clear indication of whether a chosen solicitor has a high risk factor (*a negligent solicitor will more likely risk you losing out on a defective job*). Remember, a negligence claim against a solicitor could result in an extremely high cost for you, so making the right decision from the outset will affect your entire experience.

It's also good to ask friends and family of their own experience with Conveyancing solicitors. Many of them will have bought or sold a property in their lifetime, so their experience and advice will be a good source of reliable information.

Another approach is to ask a chosen solicitor for recommendations. If they are reputable, then they should have a number of happy clients who would be happy to give you the thumbs up, whereas a firm of solicitors who have a less than average reputation will commonly cage-up when asked for such.

Your Estate Agent should also be able to help you make an accurate decision. And it is in their interest that you exchange and complete as quickly and painlessly as possible as Estate Agents only gets paid at completion!