

Litigation has become a more sophisticated process over the last few years. The parties have, as a result, become increasingly dependent upon expert assistance from other professions as well as lawyers. The assistance is required for the following purposes:

- to evaluate the merits and value of a claim
- to take the steps which are necessary to prepare the case for Trial
- to provide Expert Witness evidence at the Trial

Since many civil disputes centre upon monetary considerations, accountants have been at the forefront of providing this support to lawyers and the disputing parties. This assistance is known as litigation support.

Although the need for litigation in business is infrequent, when it does arise it must be delivered effectively. Rawlinsons has a specialist partner, Colin Crowley, who deals with this type of work. In addition to possessing considerable professional experience, Colin is accredited by the Law Society as an Expert Witness.

Over the years we have dealt with a variety of cases, revolving around loss of profits (due to accident or personal injury) and matrimonial disputes. We have worked closely with several firms of solicitors to assess the financial strengths and weaknesses of their cases.

We are willing to review cases in outline to provide initial opinions as to the strength of the accounting evidence and the likely cost of the services to be provided by Rawlinsons. This review will take place prior to formal instructions and without cost or obligation.

