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Eatons Solicitors will supply a reliable consultation when seeking legal advice and representation for your dispute whether or not the lawsuit is brought against individuals, businesses or non-profit organisations. Before approaching an expert in this field you should be fully aware of whether the dispute revolves around being a business matter, an employment law problem or a personal injury claim.

If you are suing an individual or firm then a solicitor will take you through the process of what details are required. If a limited company is subject of the dispute then the claim must be made against the company and the summons should be sent to its registered office whereas if an individual is being sued then their trading name and address is required. If the claim is directed at a partnership then, each partner is fully liable and all should be sued at the same time.

When selected by the party to represent them throughout the case and a possible court appearance,

the lawyer must discuss key issues of the procedure such as what the next steps will be, the likely costs, whether legal aid is an option and the expected timescale. Following this initial meeting the solicitor will then attempt to provide the best form of representation and manage the case from start to finish to minimise the worries and anxieties of the client.

Experts in disputes resolution will try to avoid costly litigation in an attempt to pursue alternative methods such as mediation but if this is not possible and decisive action must be taken through the courts then solicitors will be ready for any circumstances that occur.

This may be because negotiations with a trader in a consumer complaint have not been successful and court procedure becomes the next port of call.

If the client is involved in a civil dispute then solicitors will be required for representation in the civil courts. There are various types of disputes in this field concerning issues such

as defamation, property litigation and claims relating to wills, probate and trusts.

There are several circumstances where losing the case would be unaffordable and therefore consulting a solicitor is particularly vital. These include occasions when the party is claiming over £5,000 and therefore ineligible to go through the small claim court or if a claim is being made for negligence or personal injury.

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