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At Crane & Staples, we pride ourselves on being more than just your legal advisors; we are your lifelong partners, ready to support you through any significant milestone or legal challenge life throws your way.

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“I could not have navigated this part of my life without your guidance and understanding of what was truly going on. I feel like I have a future now in some peaceful and positive way, so thank you.”

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As a law firm rooted in the local community, we value client trust and loyalty. It is a pleasure to see so many clients returning to us time and again to assist with a range of legal matters.

We are proud that over 90% of our clients have chosen us because they have had a positive experience with us previously, or were recommended to us by a client or professional contact. This is testament to the quality service we provide.

We are the only law firm in Welwyn Hatfield to be ranked for our practice areas in the prestigious Legal 500, Chambers UK and Chambers High Net Worth guides.

Our commitment to providing outstanding client service means that we respond to correspondence and telephone calls in good time and are attentive to client needs. We charge a fair and reasonable price, reflective of the quality and nature of our service, providing a clear breakdown of fees and regular updates.

We hope that every experience with us will reinforce your confidence in Crane & Staples as your lawyers for life.

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“Thank you for your support yesterday, both practically and professionally. It made a huge difference to how I felt during the whole process. I really appreciated it.”

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**Our firm's objectives are based around
our four core values of**



EXCELLENCE

*Give expert technical
advice in a clear,
understandable and
jargon-free way.*



EMPATHY

*Treat all our clients
and contacts with
kindness, respect and
understanding.*



INTEGRITY

*Be open and
transparent about
possible outcomes, managing
expectations throughout.*











COMMUNITY

*Welcome clients into
our firm's community
and develop prosperous
working relationships.*

Our Services

Our comprehensive range of legal services ensures that no matter what you need, we are here to provide expert guidance and dedicated support.

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Wills, Trusts & Probate

Our specialist and friendly team can help you with the legal processes of protecting your property and possessions during your lifetime and for your loved ones in the future.

- **Making or Updating a Will**
- **Lasting Powers of Attorney:** For Health and Welfare and/or Property and Financial Affairs
- **Probate and Estate Administration:** Including advising executors, beneficiaries and trustees
- **Tax Planning and Trusts**
- **Asset Protection**
- **Declaration of Trust**
- **Court of Protection Matters**
- **Advice for Elderly, Vulnerable or Unwell Individuals and Their Families**
- **Disputes Relating to Any of the Above:** Including the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975

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Dispute Resolution

We can advise you on the most effective and appropriate way to resolve a civil dispute.

- **Business Disputes:** Partnerships and companies
- **Debt Recovery**
- **Non-Court Based Solutions:** Including mediation and arbitration
- **Contentious Probate Disputes:** Including disputes over Wills, testamentary capacity, and disputes between executors



"I felt an enormous weight had been lifted from me and a clear course of action established. I would never even think of using any firm of solicitors other than Crane & Staples."



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Family Law

Our dedicated family law solicitors will help you resolve the practical, financial and legal implications of your changing family situation. We are one of the few firms of solicitors in Hertfordshire to offer both private and public law children services.

Private Family Law Services

- **Divorce and Civil Partnership Dissolution**
- **Finance:** Including pensions, spousal maintenance and high-net-worth assets, as well as financial arrangements for unmarried couples
- **Agreements:** Pre-nuptial, post-nuptial and cohabitation agreements
- **Domestic Abuse:** Non-molestation and occupation orders
- **Non-Court Based Solutions:** Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), mediation and arbitration

Private Child Family Law Services

- **Child Arrangements**
- **Prohibited Steps and Specific Issue Orders**
- **Abduction/International Family Disputes**
- **Child Relocation**
- **Wardship**

Public Family Law Services (Legal Aid May Be Available)

- **Care Proceedings:** Including cases involving allegations of non-accidental injuries, sexual abuse, domestic abuse, drug and alcohol misuse, neglect, mental health concerns and lack of capacity
- **Deprivation of Liberty:** Including secure accommodation
- **Public Law Outline (PLO):** Pre-care proceedings
- **Special Guardianship Orders**
- **Adoption and Contested Adoption:** For biological parents or prospective adopters
- **Challenging Negative Assessments of Family Members in Public Law Proceedings**



“You were a lifeline through my divorce, turning a daunting process into something manageable. You were always there, ready to explain things in a way that made sense, without overwhelming me. Your dedication shone through in regular updates and your push for the best outcome. I’m deeply grateful for your support and professionalism and I would highly recommend you.”



Danielle Peters
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“Your support throughout was critical to keeping me going. Everything you advised was absolutely right, for both me and my child.”



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Residential Property

We can offer you expert advice on the legal aspects of all your property related transactions, keeping you updated throughout the process.

- **Residential Conveyancing:** Buying and selling freehold and leasehold residential properties
- **First-Time Buyers**
- **Remortgaging**
- **Transfers of Equity**
- **New Builds**
- **Landlords, Buy-to-Lets and Investment Properties**
- **Specialist Properties:** Including listed buildings, houses in multiple occupation (HMOs) and real estate and development finance
- **Lease Extensions:** Assisting and advising on the legal process of extending the term (and other provisions) of a lease



“The whole process felt so painless and stress free, something we’ve never experienced before with a house purchase. I’ll be recommending Crane and Staples to everyone!”



Fee Estimate: Please call us, visit our website or click here to generate an instant, no-obligation conveyancing fee estimate.

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Commercial Property

We provide expert guidance on the best way to protect your investment and minimise risk when buying, selling or letting commercial premises.

- **Acquisitions and Disposals:** Of freehold and leasehold commercial properties
- **Drafting and Negotiating Leases:** For landlords or tenants
- **Deeds Ancillary to Leases:** Including licences to assign, alter or sublet
- **Development Projects**
- **Option and Promotion Agreements**
- **Commercial Financing**



“I would like to share my experience with anyone considering using a legal practice to handle their legal affairs, which are often confusing and difficult. I have been using this team for a number of years now. I would like to say that their service is second to none. They are friendly, informative and helpful in every way that you would want your legal team to be. Most importantly, their costs are most reasonable. For me, they are the best!”



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Support Team: **Sheryl Hartigan and Tracey Fenner**

We can advise you on all legal aspects involved with starting, developing and running your business.

- **Mergers, Acquisitions and Disposals**
- **Shareholder Agreements**
- **Share Changes**
- **Restructuring a Business**
- **Franchise Agreements**
- **Joint Venture Agreements**
- **Business Start-Up**
- **Partnerships and LLPs**
- **Business Documents**

“*Your expertise and knowledge relieved the stress and gave us the confidence the matter would run through to a smooth conclusion.*”

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Whether you are an employer or an employee, we can provide you with expert, up-to-date advice in this ever-changing area of law.

- **Settlement Agreements**
- **Workplace Discrimination**
- **Unfair Dismissal**
- **Redundancy Advice**
- **Employment Contracts**
- **Staff Handbooks**
- **HR Support**
- **Disciplinary and Grievances**
- **Employment Tribunals**

“*Thank you so much for all your help and advice getting things sorted. I very much appreciate your help in finalising the agreement and making the process so smooth and easy. Your approach to the other solicitors was always good, as were the responses you came up with, and the results. Thank you for listening, even when I got upset. You really are very good!*”

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Other Services

If you have a legal issue that you need help with, please get in touch. If we cannot help you, it is likely we will know someone who can. We have a network of expert professionals such as accountants, brokers, agents and lawyers with other specialisms outside of our remit, such as crime or personal injury.

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“They are the best firm around. Their strength is that they have key people in each department whom you can confidently ring up and get an answer to your question; their communication is fantastic. We were introduced to various specialists throughout.”
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As a client of Crane & Staples, you should feel free to get in touch with us if you have a legal question or issue, or if you are simply unsure of where to turn.

We are committed to offering you the best possible support and connecting you with our network of trusted professionals if needed. We are here for you, today and every day, to help you move forward with confidence.

Please do not hesitate to contact us to learn more about how we can assist you or to schedule an appointment.

Your peace of mind and success are our top priorities. We look forward to supporting you through every stage of your legal journey.

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“You were always refreshingly straightforward, responsive, personable, and keen to find a way through difficulties. You will continue to be my first port of call.”
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Contact Us



“I found them to be exceptionally quick, efficient and reasonably priced.”

“Everyone at Crane & Staples provided a professional, friendly service. We were kept informed throughout the entire process and advice was always provided when required. We look forward to a continued working relationship with them.”

“The best solicitors I have ever used.”

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