

### **The Team:**

The Costs Team at Shakespeare Martineau are leading specialists in the recovery and defending of costs claims. We are a team of highly skilled individuals comprising of:

- Solicitors
- Vice- Chairman of the Association of Costs lawyers
- Members of the Association of Costs lawyers
- Experienced costs draftspersons

Our mission is to minimise financial risk for our clients. We have an outstanding track record of negotiating and recovering the maximum possible amount of costs for clients.

Our clients include leading law firms and we have dealt successfully with many high profile costs cases.

### **Our Services:**

Our Costs services are delivered with skill and we have a track record of achieving effective recoveries or savings and profitable outcomes.

- Our services cover every aspect of Costs including but not limited to:
- budgeting and costs management
- statements of costs
- advocacy in relation to costs issues and
- drafting and negotiating bills of costs.
- Analysis of inter-partes costs submitted by third parties.
- Preparation of Points of Dispute
- Preparation of Replies to Points of Dispute
- Preparing cases for Provisional/ Detailed Assessment

### **Benefits of instructing us:**

We are specialists in the field of legal costs with a particular emphasis upon providing high quality with a commercial focus, we facilitate the profitability of those who instruct us.

Our exemplary services, performed by our outstanding team of draftsmen, are delivered with skill and professionalism yet with a personal touch and cover all aspects of the costs litigation process.

- “Cradle to grave” negotiations on all costs matters- ensures consistency of approach and of personnel dealing with your matter.

- We deal with all aspects of the cost budgeting process to include, drafting of costs budgets, negotiation/agreement of budgets with third party solicitors, preparing written objections, dealing with costs budget variations and advocacy at CCMCs.
- Preparation for and attendance at all costs related hearings to include drafting skeleton arguments.
- Client Training
- Informal advice based upon local decisions and costs practices of different judges, Courts and their requirements.

**Areas of work covered:**

- Commercial Litigation
- Personal Injury
- Court of Protection
- Family
- International Law
- Judicial Review
- Professional Negligence
- International Law

**Contacts:**

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