

FORENSIC SERVICES – OTHER

Professional negligence

- Accountants - regarding incorrect tax elections, preparation of accounts using inappropriate accounting policies etc
- Solicitors - negligence regarding drafting of leases on for example shops, apartment blocks and car parks – advice on quantum
- Negligent advice on annulment of bankruptcy – advice on quantum

Valuations

- Valuation of various types of companies and shares – including those of family run businesses, deadlocked companies, complex group structures and shares with unusual rights
- Valuation of businesses/companies for matrimonial negotiations
- Valuation of interests in Trusts

Wrongful trading

- Investigation of internet based lettings group following liquidation, identification of payments to related businesses leading up to liquidation
- Examination of trading and financing of transport company and commercial issues relating to the termination of its contract with the primary customer and directors emoluments

Commercial cases

- Loss of profits of major national business arising from foot and mouth disease claims
- Misrepresentation regarding financial performance on sale of franchise
- Quantifying damages on lost royalties
- Fire and other business interruption claims

Expert determination

- £1million claim for damages regarding disruption due to leakage from retail property into sports facilities sited below. Major differences between accountancy reports resolved by expert determination
- Dispute over issue of professional negligence resolved by expert determination

Shadow Expert

- Instructed to evaluate report of Single Joint Expert in a case involving negligent drafting of a lease on a car sales forecourt
- Instructed to review Claimant's reports as Defendants refused leave to instruct an expert accountant to prepare a report
- Report prepared on loss of earnings but Court held Defendants unable to rely upon as evidence so used as a shadow report