



# Actuaries

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**Actuaries face few claims, but when they do, they can involve significant sums. For many years, we have acted for actuaries and their insurers in responding to claims and negotiating the regulatory minefield.**

Claims against actuaries are rare, but when they do arise, knowing you have an experienced legal team with an understanding of everything from defined benefit schemes to the increasingly structured regulatory framework, takes the pressure off. Our professional indemnity experts are able to work with DWF's pensions lawyers (where relevant) to explore holistic solutions to your problems.

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## What we do

Being the only firm truly specialising in this field, we understand that increased regulatory control and pressure to specialise are real concerns for actuaries in the UK.

We offer dedicated expertise and long-standing experience, advising on contentious regulatory matters, including hearings before the Institute & Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA) and complaints to the Pension Ombudsman & Financial Ombudsman Service, as well as acting in general professional negligence claims and providing coverage advice.

With a commitment to preventing litigation, we have a particular expertise in claims relating to pension schemes, including the role and duties of the scheme actuary, as well as specialist areas such as funeral plan contracts, and the wide range of data protection issues affecting actuaries. We can also advise insurers on coverage issues and reserving.

### **Our Professional Negligence services for actuaries and their insurers include:**

- Contentious regulatory matters, including hearings before the IFoA
- Advising on the application of TASs and the Actuaries' Code
- Responding to complaints to the Pension Ombudsman & Financial Ombudsman Service
- Defending claims against actuaries
- Advising on coverage

## Committed to getting the detail right

Our recognition of the importance of thorough, accurate knowledge and understanding sets us apart. In short, our experts, across the team, recognise the importance of understanding the actuarial issues as well as the professional negligence elements. We work hard to ensure that every piece of advice combines attention to detail with practical, commercial suggestions.

## Examples of our work include:

- Advising on a complaint to the IFoA relating to pensions sharing on divorce and the application of TAS P
- Advising on the meaning of "reserved work" in the context of a complaint to the IFoA about a scheme actuary
- Advising on a complaint to the IFoA about the need to carry out GN38 compliant valuations in the context of funeral plan contracts
- Advising a scheme actuary about disclaimers in triennial valuations in the context of equalisation concerns
- Advising on professional liability claims threatened following an adverse IFoA finding

## Why DWF?

Our long-term involvement with actuaries and detailed knowledge of the regulatory landscape enables us to take a holistic approach to their problems, aligning the solutions with their key drivers and concerns. Our willingness to immerse ourselves in the detail means we are often able to resolve issues efficiently and effectively, often without recourse to third party experts.

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