

## About No Win, No Fee Agreements (Conditional Fee Agreement - CFA)

### Environmental Protection Act (EPA) Cases

Getting expert legal help – and going to court – can be costly, particularly if you are not successful. To mitigate this **No Win No Fee** agreements were developed.

When these agreements work well they can help you get help to enforce your rights when this may otherwise have been unaffordable. They can also reduce the risks to you if the claim is unsuccessful. Lots of people have benefited from them and usually they work as expected.

We explain below how they work in an EPA prosecution, the only area of criminal law where they are permitted.

### **1. If You Win:**

#### **1. Our Basic Charges and Disbursements:**

- Your landlord will cover these costs.

#### **2. Success Fee:**

- There is no Success Fee. You receive all compensation awarded or negotiated.

### **2. If You Lose:**

#### **1. No Basic Charges or Disbursements:**

- You will not be charged basic legal fees, provided:
  1. You cooperate fully with the legal process.
  2. You do not provide false or misleading information.
  3. You do not withdraw your prosecution against legal advice.

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## **After the Event (ATE) Insurance Policy**

We do not recommend any ATE insurance on EPA prosecutions.

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This agreement is designed to minimize financial risk for prosecutors, ensuring they are not burdened with upfront costs or fees if the claim fails. However, it is critical for you to cooperate fully, provide truthful information, and follow legal advice.

Further information on 'No win no fee' agreements is published by the SRA can be found at <https://www.sra.org.uk/no-win-no-fee>