

Funding Commercial Disputes

Funding is often of the biggest barrier to bringing and defending commercial disputes. Bridge McFarland have always been at the fore-front of litigation funding and we are willing to share the risk of litigation with our clients in cases that we and our clients believe in by offering a comprehensive range of alternative funding options

Many lawyers have been reluctant to embrace alternative methods of funding commercial litigation and dispute resolution, preferring instead to work on traditional hourly rate retainers where the client pays at a set rate by the hour.

At Bridge McFarland however, our team of experienced specialist dispute resolution lawyers can offer a full range of innovative and flexible funding options tailored to your requirements and those of the case, including:

- Hourly rate retainers
- Conditional fee (or 'no win, no fee') agreements
- Discount rate (or 'no win, low fee') agreements
- Fixed fees
- After the event legal expenses insurance
- [Third party funding]

After the event ('ATE') legal expenses insurance can be used in conjunction with conditional or discounted fee agreements to protect against the risk of having to pay the other side's costs if your claim should fail. Our relationship with a leading ATE insurer enables us to place clients on ATE cover for commercial disputes without the need for expensive, time consuming and often unsuccessful applications to the insurers themselves.

The future for litigation funding is uncertain and, in April 2013, the rules are expected to change. The exact nature of those changes remains uncertain but, whatever happens however, Bridge McFarland will continue to be at the vanguard of commercial dispute resolution funding.