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Prison Law Solicitors

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Reeds Solicitors is a nationally recognised, award-winning law firm. Our Prison Law department is headed up by Partner and Solicitor Nicola Maynard. We have a team of over 20 Prison Law fee-earners assisting to provide expert advice. The team are based across England and Wales in order to provide you with the advice you need, where you need it.

This leaflet is designed to assist with some of the most popular areas of prison law that we assist with. If you have an issue that we have not mentioned, this does not mean we cannot help.

Please contact us to enquire about the issue that you face.

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40% of cases that go before the Parole Board at the initial paper stage are cases where there has not been a Solicitor instructed. Why? This is your liberty at stake, why would you not want to give yourself the best chance at release or progression. Instruct a solicitor now. Call 0333 240 7373, or email PrisonLaw@Reeds.co.uk.

Negative Parole Decisions

We are able to review your case and provide advice on what you need to do before your next review and any other matters that may arise.

If you have passed your 28-day window to appeal a negative decision, we are able to assist you privately. We can review the decision, and provide you with a frank and honest opinion on the decision. We can often explain to you what may have gone wrong in the review, and what could be done for the next review. This could include advice on whether you should undertake any courses, engage in any further work or just keep your compliance record clean.

This would then ensure you have a clear understanding of what you may need to do to progress and be successful at your next review - ensuring that it this important work is not all left until the last minute.

ROTL Representations

We can work with you prior to your ROTL Board in Open Condition in order to prepare representations in support of your release on ROTL.

Re-categorisation Reviews

Are you coming up for a re-categorisation review?

We prepare detailed representations on your progress that gives you the strongest possible case for progression. We draw on relevant information such as certificates and letters of support from family if the application is for DCAT. We will work tirelessly to collate any relevant information that will assist in your review.

"We are very grateful for your support... Your guidance, expertise, and timely reminders were instrumental in achieving this outcome. Thank you for handling our queries with patience and professionalism throughout this process. This has been a difficult time for our family, and throughout the process, you treated us with remarkable courtesy, understanding, and empathy."

K. Malik, Sister of Client

Home Detention Curfew or TAG

Home Detention Curfew (HDC) provides an early release on TAG. The amount of days can be significant - as you can now get up to 365 days on TAG if eligible.

The process can be complicated in terms of whether you are eligible or ineligible. You can also be presumed unsuitable. If presumed unsuitable the process is a little more complex as you would need to show exceptional circumstances are present to support the application. These circumstances cannot be circumstances previously used as mitigation at trial, they have to be matters that have developed since you've been in custody.

This is why it is extremely important to have a solicitor assisting you with an application. We can assist with preparing representations, as well as chasing accommodation checks - as these tend to take a long time to complete.

If you are suitable, or are in doubt as to whether you are suitable, you should contact us so we can assist you in the best way available to you.

Representations in Disciplinary Matters

Whilst we are not permitted to attend the prison and represent you for Governor only adjudications, we can prepare a detailed argument on your behalf and submit in time for the hearing.

Other matters we can assist with on a private basis are:

- Licence condition challenges
- Complaints against probation or prison
- Lost property and compensation
- Initial consultations to people facing custody or families of those facing custody

Department Head



Nicola Maynard

Nicola Maynard is a Partner and Head of Prison Law at Reeds. With 20 years' experience she specialises in all areas of prison law. Her expertise and commitment have led to her instruction in the most complex cases.

If you want someone who has seen it all and knows how to fight your corner, call Nicola's team today. Call 0333 240 7373, or email PrisonLaw@Reeds.co.uk

"Nicola Maynard is a miracle worker. She was recommended to me by a fellow inmate. I was serving an EPP sentence and had been denied parole 5 years in a row. The odds were stacked against me but after instructing Nicola she managed to get me an hearing with the parole board and fought tooth and nail for my release. She went above and beyond and the way her legal mind works is amazing. Nicola Maynard is the best prison law solicitor in this country"

Mr K., Client

Matters that can be dealt with under Legal Aid

When you are notified of any of the below, or if you wish to make an application, it is extremely important for you to instruct a Prison Law expert to assist you and guide you through the process. They will assist in preparing representations on your behalf that may not only involve communicating your instructions but also quoting case law or legislation.

- Reconsideration applications
- Pre-tariff sift reviews
- IPP termination reviews
- Suspension of supervision for Lifers
- Amendments to Licence conditions for IPP/Lifer's
- Applications to detain High Risk offender beyond their CRD
- Recalls
- Independent Adjudications
- Sentence calculations
- CAT A reviews

Note: Legal Aid is always subject to assessment.

Private Paying / No Win No Fee

We can offer advice on a private paying basis for a whole range of matters, some of which can be offered on a fixed fee basis with instalments plans available.

No Win, No Fee

Parole Board Delay Claims

Claims can only be made currently if you are an indeterminate sentence prisoner. There is no current precedent for claims if you are serving a determinate sentence/EDS

Unlawful Detention Claims

The recent changes in law has meant that more and more people are being held unlawful due to incorrect calculations. We can assist with compensation .

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