

## Peace of mind with our Will & Lasting Power of Attorney Packages



Prepare your Lasting Power of Attorney for half the price

Planning ahead and organising your Lasting Power of Attorney is just as important as writing your Will.

Leaving it all too late could have huge financial implications, not to mention immense heartache for your loved ones.

Should you lose mental capacity, and you have no Lasting Power of Attorney in place, a Deputy may need to be appointed in order to legally allow someone to manage your affairs for you. Applying for Deputyship can cost between £3,000 – 3,500 plus vat and other fees including court costs of £385.

You can avoid these fees by organising a Lasting Power of Attorney when writing your Will.

Here at Osborne Morris & Morgan we are offering discounted packages on Wills and Lasting Power of Attorney prepared at the same time – enabling you to get your affairs in order, provide for your loved ones, and save money.

When you organise your Will with us, you can choose to arrange your Lasting Power of Attorney with us for half the price.

Choose from one of our following Will and Lasting Power of Attorneys Packages:

### PACKAGE 1

One standard Single Will and one Lasting Power of Attorney

Package Fee: **£500** (usually £750)

### PACKAGE 2

One Standard Will and two Lasting Power of Attorneys

Package Fee: **£675** (usually £1,100)

### PACKAGE 3

Two Standard Mirror Wills and two Lasting Power of Attorneys

Package Fee: **£820** (usually £1,245)

### PACKAGE 4

Two Standard Mirror Wills and four Lasting Power of Attorneys

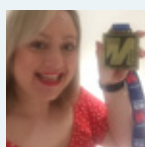
Package Fee: **£1,145** (usually £1,895)

Please note prices may vary for more complex Wills.

Contact us today to secure your discounted package with our Wills and Lasting Power of Attorney specialists, by calling us on **01525 378177** or contacting us online by visiting our website [www.ommlaw.co.uk](http://www.ommlaw.co.uk)



**HAPPY  
RETIREMENT  
ERIC MORRIS**



**LAURA DOES  
THE DOUBLE**



**LEIGHTON  
BUZZARD  
AWARD  
WINNERS**



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SAFE WITH US**

## WE ARE LEIGHTON BUZZARD BUSINESS OF THE YEAR FOR SECOND YEAR RUNNING!

Our commitment to Leighton Buzzard has been recognised with an award for the second year running in regional business awards. In May, we won the title of 'Leighton Buzzard Business of The Year 2019' at the SME Luton & Bedfordshire Business Awards.

Managing Partner, Tim Woolford, said;

"This is, yet again, fantastic recognition of our hard work and commitment to Leighton Buzzard and the surrounding areas. Our community means everything to us and we're incredibly proud of our teams here who work tirelessly to give our clients the very



best service and support possible.

We're also proud of our close relationships with local businesses and charities, including Willen Hospice and KidsOut, and run regular competitions on our social media, with some fantastic prizes".

We were also recognised as runners up in the Service Excellence category – an area for firms who demonstrate established and measurable systems for monitoring service standards.

More than 200 people from the Bedfordshire business community celebrated the SME Bedfordshire Business Awards at a glittering ceremony held at the Bedford Corn Exchange.

## Welcome to the team

### Uzmah Rasool

Solicitor

Uzmah joined our COP department on 1st July. Welcome to our family, Uzmah!



## BEST WISHES TO NICK

We said goodbye to solicitor Nick Rees this month.

Nick left the firm at the end of June to set up his own Family Law practice in his home village in Oxfordshire.

We wish Nick the very best for the future.



## Happy Retirement to our Co-founder, Eric Morris, after 39 years

Eric Morris, one of our co-founders has finished his role of Head of Court of Protection and begun his retirement at the age of 66.

Eric, started his career in 1977 working in various areas of practice, before forming the organisation with Tom Osborne and Peter Morgan in 1980.

Eric's specialism in High Court litigation involving brain injury cases has led to his handling of a large number of high-profile, and high-value, Personal Injury and Medical Negligence claims, over the last 20 years.

In 2005, Eric established our Court of Protection department and retired as Senior Partner in 2013, but remained as a Consultant to the firm for the past six years.

Eric now looks forward to spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren during his well-deserved retirement.

Eric said of his retirement;

"I am very grateful to all of the clients and staff who have made all of these years so enjoyable, and I pass on my very best wishes to all".

Partner and Head of Personal Injury Trusts, Tim Woolford, passed on his best wishes to Eric;

"It has been a privilege to work alongside him for nearly 20 years. He has been a boss, a mentor, a business partner and a friend. I wish him a long and happy retirement to enjoy his many and varied interests".

A retirement luncheon was held for Eric, in March, at Luton Hoo.



We would like to wish Eric a very Happy Retirement!

## Annie cycles the night and raises £860 for cancer charities

Annie Lawrence, our litigation assistant, bravely cycled 100km in a night cycle challenge after losing four members of her family to the disease in the past 12 months.

Annie, took part in the flagship Women vs Cancer challenge, Ride the night London 2019 in May.

The 100km cycle route started at the Royal Windsor Race Course and took riders through the capital past many of London's iconic landmarks including Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square and Buckingham Palace.

Annie took part in the challenge to raise money for three women's cancer charities- Breast Cancer Care, Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust and Ovarian Cancer Trust.



Annie said;

“To all who donated and sent best wishes – thank you. It was an amazing experience and although, hard work at times, was great fun with lots of laughter along the way”.

To contribute to Annie's fundraising efforts, you can support her here; [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Annie-Clements](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Annie-Clements)

**WELL DONE ANNIE, WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU!**

## YOUR DATA IS SAFE WITH US

We are proud to announce that we have, once again, been recertified Cyber Essentials accreditation – demonstrating to all of our clients that we take cyber security seriously.



The scheme is designed to help protect organisations from the threat of most common cyber-attacks.

To obtain accreditation, organisations must demonstrate that they are using five key security practices, including maintaining firewalls and running anti-virus software.

Paul Lockhart, Practice Manager, said:

“For the second year running we have obtained this accreditation and it is testament to how seriously we take cyber security. Openness, trust and transparency are core to fighting the threat of cybercrime and we welcome schemes such as Cyber Essentials, which help give clarity and assurance to our clients and employees”.

## MK SNAP INSPIRES MIKE IN SPORTIVE SUCCESS

Mike Fittell, our Costs Lawyer completed a 75-mile challenge at the BCG SPORTIVE 2019 in May.

He joined over 400 riders for the fourth annual charity event, organised by Broughton Cycling Group (BCG) to raise funds for the Spinal Injuries Association (SIA) and MK Snap.

Mike, whose brother and sister both enjoy attending MK Snap, was only too happy to take part in the SPORTIVE to 'give back' and raise funds for the charity.

He raised £135 in sponsorship, which will help the charity to deliver its programme of education, life skills, work preparation and opportunities to adults with learning disabilities.

Mike, said;

“Thanks very much to those who have sponsored me. As always, your support is very much appreciated. There is still time to pledge some money for anyone else wishing to contribute”.

OM&M supplied the 400 riders with water bottles for the event.

You can still support Mike in his mission, you can donate via his Just Giving page; [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/michael-fittell](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/michael-fittell)

**AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT, WELL DONE MIKE!**



# Our commitment to the community...

## Raising valuable funds for the charities close to our hearts

### WEAR IT BLUE FOR BDCPS

On the 24th May our staff came to work wearing blue for a donation of £2, to help raise funds for the Bedford & District Cerebral Palsy Society.

The Bedford-based charity, provide playschemes and youth clubs for disabled people aging from 0-25years, as well as support and funding.

They specialise in providing support for those who live with cerebral palsy- a condition which affects muscle control

and movement. It usually results from damage or injury to the developing brain, before, during or after birth.

As well as the dress down day, staff held a cake sale and organised a raffle.

Alex Glyde, Administration Assistant said;

“We were so pleased to raise a total of £120 on the day, but also to raise awareness for the BDCPS”.



**£120  
RAISED!**

### Laura does the double and conquers two major running events in 2 weeks

Head of Conveyancing, Laura Everitt, recently ran the London Landmarks Half Marathon and the Greater Manchester Marathon within two weeks of each other.

Laura completed both events in Spring, to raise funds and awareness of the pregnancy and baby charity, Tommy's, after her son, Lewis, aged 5, was born prematurely at 33 weeks.

Tommy's are the largest charity to fund research into the causes of miscarriage, stillbirth and premature birth, and provide pregnancy health information to families.

Laura completed the 13.1 miles in the London Landmarks Half Marathon, and then 26.2 miles in the Greater Manchester Marathon, a fortnight later.

Laura said;

“It was fantastic to see so many people running and raising money for so many different charities, often ones that they have a personal connection to. Lots of local people were supporting runners around the course - I high-fived lots of children who were handing out jelly babies along the way!”

Laura has so far raised £295 of her £350 target.

To help Laura to reach her target, you can visit her fundraising page;  
[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lauraeveritt4](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lauraeveritt4)



*We're all very proud of you.*

**Congratulations  
Laura!**



## OM&M RETAIN CONVEYANCING QUALITY SCHEME MARK

Our Conveyancing team are proud to report that they have, once again, demonstrated best practice, met the standards of technical knowledge and client service, and have the skills and expertise to provide residential conveyancing services to the highest standard – by achieving CQS accreditation.

The quality standard aims to give confidence to the consumer when choosing a Conveyancing professional.

For qualifying members, achieving accreditation is not by any means a straightforward process, and involves submitting a detailed application form and subsequent assessment by the Law Society's technical panel.



It also shows that we are able to satisfy the requirements of regulators, lenders and insurers.

If you are thinking of moving house, our CQS accreditation will give you further peace of mind that you are making the right, informed choice in using our Conveyancing service.

To speak with one of our friendly award-winning Conveyancing team, please call us on **01525 378177**

## MK Snap celebrate Disability Awareness Day with Sportsfest

Local charity, MK Snap, showcased the skills and talents of people with learning disabilities at a Sportsfest, celebrating Disability Awareness Day.

The Sportsfest, which took place on the 14th June, marked the finale of the charity's 'Snap To It' project, which is funded by the Big Lottery People's Project and voted for by the people of Milton Keynes.

OM&M were pleased to supply the group with water bottles to keep all of the participants hydrated.

Katie James, Grants and Projects Co-ordinator at MK Snap, said;

"Sportsfest was a great day! Thank you again for your support and interest, the learners LOVED their water bottles."



OM&M Costs Lawyer, Mike Fittell, whose siblings both attend MK Snap, said;

"For years MK Snap have provided excellent support and facilities not only for Mark and Gemma but for all of their learners. They continue to work hard to help all those they care for achieve their maximum potential and the Sportsfest was just another example of where fun and learning can be combined to everyone's enjoyment"

For more info on MK Snap, simply visit their website; [mksnap.org](http://mksnap.org)



## YES, WE CAN

We are proud to announce that we have partnered with the Rotary Club of Leighton Linlade, to help deliver projects as part of the 'Yes We Can' program.

Our £1,000 donation will help to fund some of the up and coming sports days organised by the initiative.

The 'Yes We Can' program was founded in 2017 by Rotary Club member, Richard Johnson OBE, after he noticed a distinct lack of sports activities for the disabled in the local community.

'Yes We Can' is supported by organisations, such as MK Dons SET, Leighton Buzzard Mencap and the Families United Network, to bring affordable and sustainable sporting opportunities to those with a disability.

Practice Manager, Paul Lockhart, said;

"It is both a pleasure and an honour to sponsor 'Yes We Can'. The Rotary Club achieve fantastic things within our local community, and by partnering up with MK Dons SET they are making a real difference to the lives of children, young people and adults that would otherwise have never been possible.

With our mutual desire to support the work SET do and also the local community, it seems common sense to partner with the 'Yes We Can' organisations, so that we can all continue to improve the lives of many."

For more info on the 'Yes We Can' program, you can visit their Facebook page, or website; [leightonlinladerotary.com](http://leightonlinladerotary.com)

# A day in the life of a Medical Negligence solicitor

Medical Negligence is an area of law that often deals with very traumatic and personal circumstances. The role of a Medical Negligence solicitor is to fight for justice and seek sufficient compensation for their clients. But, what does a Medical Negligence solicitor actually do on a day-to-day basis?

Natalizia Capizzi shares with us her day in the life as a member of the Medical Negligence team at Osborne Morris & Morgan.

## 8:40am

My day has started slightly earlier than usual, but today is no ordinary day. I was up early to collect the Barrister from Leighton Buzzard Railway Station. We have a trial looming, and a pre-trial conference with the client and the experts has been organised to commence at 9:30. This case concerns a delay in diagnosis of necrotising fasciitis – commonly known as a flesh-eating disease, it is an infection that results in the death of parts of the body's soft tissue. It is a severe disease that spreads rapidly and can result in life-threatening and life-changing implications. The experts in the pre-trial conference consisted of; a Paramedic, a Microbiologist, a Plastic Surgeon and an expert in Emergency Medicine.



## 11:30am-12:30pm

After returning to my desk and reviewing the day's post, I am finally able to have my first cup of coffee of the day and read a Letter of Response that we have received on a case concerning knee replacement surgery. Unfortunately, the NHS Resolution have denied all allegations of liability. With limitation in this case approaching, I will have to consider this in further detail on Tuesday.

## 12:30-1:00pm

Lunchtime, and today I popped home to feed my lovely Persian cat, Principino. I rustled myself up a cheese, ham and mushroom omelette which I managed to eat in my garden – the sun is out!

## 1:00-1:15pm

Today is "Wear it Blue" day at work to raise money and awareness for the Bedford District and Cerebral Palsy Society. There are cupcakes in reception and a Prosecco raffle draw (unfortunately, I did not win).

## 1:15-2:45pm

We have taken on a new client with a case concerning negligent cosmetic surgery—really interesting!! The initial risk assessment has been carried out and now I have to draft the funding documentation (colloquially known as a "no win, no fee" agreement). Unlike other firms, here at Osborne Morris and Morgan, we do not deduct a success fee or shortfall in fees from a client's compensation. This is increasingly unusual and is a real positive in terms of the client focus of the firm.



## 2:45-3:30pm

At last, I have an opportunity to catch up on my emails and check and sign my post for the day.

## 3:30-4:45pm

I have an inquest in a couple of weeks and counsel has been instructed. I respond to emails received on behalf of the Coroner's Officer, and the family. I then spend time checking the bundles of documents before they get sent to the counsel's chambers. The bundle mainly consists of medical records, with over 4,000 pages of medical notes and records.

## 4:45-5:15pm

I have a busy couple of weeks' ahead so I organise a checklist of what needs to be my priority for the following week before turning off my computer.

Home time, and it is the Friday before a bank holiday weekend – bliss!

If you feel you have suffered as a result of wrong or delayed diagnosis, we are here to help. Our Medical Negligence experts are nationally recognised experts in their field, with over 30 years of experience, and will support you through every step of your claim.

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