

# Office Complaints Procedure Hunter Legal B.V.

## Clause 1 Complaint, complainant and complaints officer

- 1. In this office complaints procedure, the term 'complaint' means each written expression of dissatisfaction by or on behalf of the client towards the lawyer (advocaat) or the people working under his/her responsibility in respect of the entering into and performance of a contract for services (overeenkomst van opdracht), the quality of the services or the amount of the invoice, not being a complaint as referred to in Section 4 of the Act on Advocates (Advocatenwet).
- 2. The complainant is the client or his representative who makes a complaint known.
- 3. The complaints officer is the person charged with the handling of complaints.

## Clause 2 Scope of application

- 1. This office complaints procedure applies to each contract for services between Hunter Legal B.V. and the client.
- 2. Hunter Legal B.V. will handle the complaint in accordance with this office complaints procedure.

## Clause 3 Objectives

The objectives of this office complaints procedure are:

- a) to record a procedure for handling complaints of clients in a constructive manner within a reasonable period of time;
- b) to establish a procedure for determining the causes of complaints of clients;
- to preserve and improve existing relations by means of a proper complaint handling;
- d) to coach employees to respond to complaints in a client orientated manner;
- e) to improve the quality of the services by means of complaint handling and complaint analysis.

#### Clause 4 Information at commencement of the services

- 1. This office complaints procedure is published at <a href="www.hunterlegal.nl">www.hunterlegal.nl</a>. Prior to entering into the contract for services, Hunter Legal B.V. will point out to the client that Hunter Legal B.V. maintains an office complaints procedure applicable to the services.
- 2. Complaints that after handling remain unresolved, may be submitted to the Amsterdam Court.

#### Clause 5 Complaint handling

- 1. Each complaint that a client reports to Hunter Legal B.V. will be passed on to Mr B. van Drunen of <u>VDDB Advocaten</u>, who will act as the external complaints officer.
- 2. The complaints officer notifies the complaint to the lawyer (*advocaat*) in respect of whom the compliant is made and offers the complainant and the lawyer (*advocaat*) the opportunity to give their views.
- 3. The lawyer (*advocaat*) will attempt to come to a solution with the client, if necessary with the intermediation of the complaints officer.
- 4. The complaints officer deals with the complaint within four weeks from receipt of the complaint. In case this time limit is not met, the complaints officer will inform the



- complainant and provide an explanation for the delay. The complaints officer will also mention a new term in which the complaint will be assessed.
- 5. The complaints officer informs the complainant and the lawyer (*advocaat*) in writing of his assessment of the validity of the complaint and can make recommendations.
- 6. If a complaint is settled satisfactorily, the complainant, the complaints officer and the lawyer (*advocaat*) will sign the written report of the complaints officer on the settlement thereof.

## Artikel 6 Confidentiality and complaint handling free of charge

- 1. The complaints officer and the lawyer (*advocaat*) in respect of whom the complaint is made will observe confidentiality during the handling of the complaint.
- 2. No compensation is due by the complainant for the costs of handling the complaint.

## Artikel 7 Responsibilities

- 1. The complaints officer is responsible for timely handling the complaint.
- 2. The lawyer (*advocaat*) in respect of whom the complaint is made keeps the complaints officer informed on his or her contacts with the complainant and a possible solution.
- 3. The complaints officer keeps the complainant informed on the progress of the handling of the complaint.
- 4. The complaints officer keeps a file on the complaint.

## Artikel 8 Complaint registration

- 1. The complaints officer registers the complaint and the subject matter of the complaint.
- 2. The complaint may consist of various subject matters.