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annual return

Litigation funding market

Litigation funding is a mechanism whereby a qualifying investor funds all the costs of a piece of litigation, including adverse costs, in return for a share of the proceeds.

The UK Law Society estimates that the UK Litigation market is worth more than £30 billion to the UK economy.

In most cases, third-party funding will only be available for claims that have a very high value and strong chance of success. This is so the litigation funder isn't taking on too much risk when paying for legal action it has no direct involvement in.

It will usually also be a requirement for the person making the claim to have insurance protecting themselves, and therefore the funder, from paying any of an opponent's costs should the claim fail. This is known as ATE (After the Event Insurance).

The main benefits of Woodville's funding to a law firm are:

- Empowers lawyers to pursue a claim that they could not otherwise afford to make
- Allows lawyer to improve the strength of the claim
- An ATE policy must be in place, which protects the repayment of the loan if the claim is unsuccessful
- We have a strong record in supporting access to justice
- The interests of the consumer are considered paramount

How do Woodville protect investor capital?

The anticipated default rate is less than 1% on all cases funded. The Investor security points are summarised below:

- Woodville's Interest is front-loaded, so risk of default on the interest is zero.
- Targeting smaller value Cases of £1,000 – £5,000 carries much less risk, and provides extra diversification across the investor capital.
- Woodville's loan is secured on an ATE (After The Event) insurance policy. If a claim is lost or discontinued, the loan is repaid to Woodville from the insurance policy proceeds.
- Assignment rights over each case is held by Woodville to protect in the event of solicitor going into liquidation.
- The defendant is insured, so the judgment is settled by a well-capitalised insurance company, giving a very high chance of successful enforcement of any judgment
- Woodville take a charge over the borrowing law firm, with personal guarantees sought where possible.

'No-Win, No-Fee' agreements

Conditional fee agreements allow individuals to make a legally binding arrangement with a solicitor that some or all of the fees involved in making a claim will only be paid if it is successful. These are commonly known as "no-win, no-fee" agreements.

No-win, no-fee agreements are an important part of litigation financing and allow people access to justice without the risk of prohibitive costs. Woodville focus on these claims, which are typically ignored by the large litigation funders who cannot process such small claims on the required scale.

The main advantage of entering into a conditional fee agreement is that the client and solicitor share the risk as well as the costs of a commercial claim. If the case is unsuccessful, a client will only have to pay a small amount, if any, of a solicitors' fees and for disbursements and expenses.

Key Facts

Term	24 months
Interest	14 % p.a
Frequency	Quarterly
Issuer	Woodville Consultants Limited
Min Investment	500,000
Currency	USD / GBP / EUR
AMC	N/A

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