

Defamation of character



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What is defamation of character?

Defamation of character happens when someone says, or writes, something untrue about you (or your business or product) which is damaging to your reputation (or that of your business).

What kind of statements can be defamatory?

The false information needs to be about the characteristics of a person (or their business or product). It must cause damage to the image of that person (or their business or product).

A defamation of character lawsuit will only be successful if the information published is untrue in some respect, or exaggerated, or reported in an intentionally misleading way.

How must the statement be made?

The statement must be communicated to a person other than the person whose reputation is being damaged.

How do you make a defamation of character claim?

A defamation of character claim has a unique process when a claim occurs. The claim is brought in the High Court and is heard by a jury as well as a judge.

Getting legal advice. Let us help.

You should always get advice from a solicitor if you think you might have a defamation of character claim. A defamation solicitor can give you advice on how strong a case you have.

Most defamation solicitors are happy to have an initial consultation for free, to see if you have a case. Give us a call today and, if it sounds like you might have a defamation of character case, we can put you in touch with specialist defamation solicitors for free, to assess your case.

If you would like to obtain legal advice on defamation of character, Contact Law can put you in touch with a local defamation solicitor free of charge. So, if you have any questions or would like our help in finding local defamation solicitor please call us on 0800 1777 162 or complete the web-form above.

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