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# Disputes 101: Introduction to Civil Litigation

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## Limitation periods

Cause of action	Default period	Basis for extension
Contracts	6 years	Fraud or concealment
Specialty contracts (for example deeds)	12 years	Fraud or concealment
Torts (including for example competition damages claims) – but not where personal injury	6 years	Fraud or concealment
Action to recover land	12 years	Fraud or concealment
Personal injury	3 years	If equitable to do so
Defamation and malicious falsehood	One year	If equitable to do so
Claim for a contribution	Two years	
Judicial review	Promptly and in any event within 3 months	

# About CMS Disputes

With one of the largest commercial disputes practices in the City, CMS offers integrated sector expertise, the full range of commercial experience, and world-class service to support clients with their most complex disputes.



**> 900 disputes lawyers**

Over 900 dispute resolution specialists globally, with 100 partners and more than 350 lawyers in the UK dedicated to dispute resolution.



**>70 offices in >40 countries**

Ranked as the 5th largest law firm by headcount by *AmLaw*, our global reach spans 77 international offices across 43 countries.



**High stakes advisers**

Regularly advise on high stakes “bet the company” disputes before the High Court, with the highest number of cases profiled in *The Lawyer’s* ‘Top 20 Cases to Watch’ in 2019.



**Holistic experience**

Trusted team experienced in all forms of dispute resolution, including litigation, arbitration, corporate crime and regulatory investigations; mediation; alternative dispute resolution; judicial review and reputation management as well as in-house advocacy.



**Top-tier expertise**

Consistently ranked in the ‘Global Litigation Top 50’ by *The Lawyer* and awarded ‘Corporate/ Commercial Litigation Team of the Year’ at *the Legal Week Commercial Litigation & Arbitration Awards 2019*.



**24/7 365 support**

Dedicated response team available 24 hours a day to help clients to limit their exposure following an emergency incident including dawn raids, health and safety incidents, cyber breaches, emergency injunctions or environmental incidents.

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