

FTI WITHDRAWS ASSISTANCE TO MANY TRADERS

CTM - ASSISTING TRADERS IN CRIMINAL AND CIVIL CASES



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Next Edition:

Tribunal Appeal Decisions.

What future for those without representation?

The FTI has decided to stop assisting traders that previously signed up to its group action. The soaring cost of Tribunal appeals in “means of knowledge” cases is likely to be the cause of this.

The future for many traders, some of whom have contacted CTM looking for assistance, is extremely uncertain and we have decided to take steps to assist such traders. The concerns of traders who contacted us include:

- Whether their case was professionally managed while under the control of the FTI.
- Are the witness statements and exhibits detailed enough to properly defend the allegations?
- Has the appeal been moved forward as quickly as possible?
- Given that the cost of the group action was minimal, what additional costs will there be?

What can CTM meaningfully do to help traders?

The most important thing we can do is make sure you get the best advice, are not overcharged in any way and ensure our fees are fixed for certain tasks.

We can also ensure traders a) know exactly how their appeal stands; b) know what is needed to progress their case professionally and c) know exactly how much the cost will be.

We do this by charging a fixed fee of £1,500 plus VAT for the following:

1. A detailed review of the HMRC evidence;
2. A review of your evidence, as prepared by the FTI; and
3. Prepare a first witness statement, or serve additional evidence to plug any gaps and to simply make sure your case is as solid as it can be.

Please contact us if you wish to discuss this further.