

Getting back the lion's share



The Sheriffs Office®
We recover more for you

Recovering more for you and your clients

Speed is of the essence

When your client's judgment remains unpaid, it's vital to act quickly to enforce ahead of other creditors and to minimise the impact on your client, be they an individual or business. According to the insolvency trade body R3, late payment by customers causes 20% of corporate insolvencies.

We provide the full range of High Court enforcement and Certificated Enforcement Agent services for solicitors across England and Wales, supporting firms of all sizes to meet their clients' requirements.

High Court enforcement in a nutshell

Judgments and orders of £600 and above (including court costs) which are up to 6 years old can be transferred to the High Court for enforcement by The Sheriffs Office. This entire process is managed by our transfer up team and is free of charge.

There is a court fee of £66* to obtain a writ of control and this is recoverable from the debtor if enforcement is successful, along with the judgment debt, court costs, interest at 8% and the enforcement agent's fees.

The instructing solicitor can also apply a fee of £51.75.

If enforcement is not possible, an abortive "compliance" fee of £75* plus VAT is payable.

* These fees are correct as of July 2016, but may be subject to change by HMCTS.



Outstanding service

The Sheriffs Office is one of the largest and most successful firms of High Court Enforcement Officers (HCEO) in the country, with a recovery rate which is consistently far in excess of the national average.

When you start working with us we will provide you with a highly experienced Account Manager, who will be your main point of contact, as well as access to our online case management system.

We also provide a great deal of CPD accredited support for solicitors, including webinars and seminars, as well as a large knowledge base of articles on our website.

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Our services

Judgment enforcement

We enforce County Court and High Court judgments and orders against individual and business debtors. We are permitted to force entry to business premises to take control of goods.

Volume judgments

Simplicity is designed for organisations with a large volume of judgments. You can bulk upload instructions in one form instead of one per case. We can also incorporate your customer engagement policies into the enforcement process.

Foreign judgments

We enforce judgments issued in courts outside England and Wales against debtors with assets based in England or Wales.

Employment tribunal & ACAS awards

We enforce unpaid ACAS settlements and employment tribunal awards, regardless of value.

Asset, document & counterfeit repossession

We enforce writs of delivery to recover specific assets, as well as seize and remove counterfeits.

Eviction & commercial property

We will remove trespassers, activists and travellers from property and land under Common Law (land only) or a High Court writ. We recover commercial rent arrears through CRAR or under a court judgment and we can repossess commercial property by forfeiting the lease or under a writ of possession.

Security

Once we have returned land or property back to your client, we can assist with any security requirements.

Residential property

We can enforce CCJs for rent arrears and repossess property by transfer to the High Court for enforcement under Section 42 of the County Courts Act 1984.

Tracing

We have a large team to trace debtors and absconded tenants, searching a wide range of databases using the very latest tracing software.

Debts under £600

We can also help you with the recovery of debts under £600 using our nationwide field agents and telephone teams.

About The Sheriffs Office

We are a leading firm of authorised High Court Enforcement Officers (HCEO) and Certificated Enforcement Agents covering all of England and Wales.

It all started in the late 1970s as The Sheriffs Office in Northampton, dealing only with High Court writs within the county of Northamptonshire. With the Courts Act in 2004, Sheriffs Officers were renamed High Court Enforcement Officers and the restrictive geographical boundaries were dropped.

Since then The Sheriffs Office has gone from strength to strength, growing year on year to become one of the top four HCEO firms with significant market share.

Underpinning our success is our focus on client service and a comprehensive "end to end" range of specialist services for the recovery of debt, property and land.

A range of services for everyone

The Sheriffs Office provides the full range of High Court Enforcement and related services for individuals, sole traders, business of all sizes, landlords, commercial agents, local authorities and solicitors acting on behalf of clients.

Money judgments

- High Court enforcement
- Employment tribunal award
- Debtor tracing
- European judgment
- Debt collection

Property and land

- Eviction
- Security
- Repossession
- Rent collection
- Equine impoundment

The Sheriffs Are Coming

The Sheriffs Office is the HCEO firm featured in this hit BBC programme, winner of the Broadcast Awards 2014 Best Daytime Programme.

Supporting the environment

We participate in a Carbon Offsetting project run by Carbon Footprint Ltd which is planting trees in Kenya to support local communities in the Great Rift Valley, so as to reduce poverty and provide habitats for wildlife, including lions!

If you would like to find out more about our services,
please call us today on

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