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Paul Brennan, author of “The Law is an Ass—make sure it doesn’t bite yours!” refers to the ‘novel legal issues’ that clients often think they have.

In a more serious mode he does point out his Top Ten Legal Mistakes, which are undoubtedly true...

1. **Fighting with the parent of your offspring. You have so much to lose.**
2. **Disputes with your neighbour. The only resolution is to move.**
1. **Buying a house without selling the one you own. Just wait for once in your life.**
2. **Trying to get blood out of a stone. Winning is good, getting paid is better.**
3. **Fighting legal cases you can’t win. There may be other ways to beat your opponent and save the cost of legal fees.**
4. **Using a ‘do it yourself’ will. However, if you are broke, no problem.**
5. **Being your own lawyer. Even lawyers don’t do that.**
6. **When arrested, not calling a lawyer and trying to talk your way out of it.**
7. **Not getting a lawyer to review a lease or business contract. This is a sure way to invite trouble.**
8. **Any type of litigation relating to defamation.**

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Are you ... going to Court?

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Helpful information for your court appearance

This brief outline has been prepared to help you better understand the procedures we undertake on your behalf to best protect your interests. While in general terms, it should help reduce any uncertainties you may have.

You, the court and us

When it comes to timetables and the preparation of documents for a case, courts are extremely unforgiving. A R Walmsley & Co has based itself on the accumulation of skills which ensure litigation support by lawyers who have chosen to practice exclusively in these areas of the law. This ensures a high level of competency in the preparation of your matter and a much quicker response time than a "jack of all trades".

Preparation for Court

Care needs to be taken before your court appearance in order to ensure the best strategy. This will be based on the facts, the evidence, and the specific objectives. We will liaise with you with respect to establishing the facts and collecting the evidence in order to present your case in the best possible light.

Criminal matters

The first time your matter is before the court you, as a Defendant, will be asked to enter a plea; guilty or not guilty. This decision is not to be taken lightly, as what you plead to a charge may affect any sentence, or your ability to raise a defence.

Civil matters

If you initiate an action in the courts you are a plaintiff. If someone else has brought a case against you, you are a defendant. Matters which involve money alleged to be owing require sound advice that will minimise the time and costs of the proposed Court action. This is also true for matters of alleged negligence. Too often we hear of legal costs exceeding the amount being claimed.

Whatever your situation, you want a fast, responsive lawyer who is sufficiently competent to fully understand both the law and how it affects your case. Similarly your lawyer should be commercially minded enough to advise you of your cost-versus-benefit scenario, sensibly and responsibly.

Environmental law

The complexities of environmental law and the particular knowledge and expertise required to competently practise in this area cannot be overstated. A R Walmsley & Co has gained a wealth of expertise in this area having acted both for and against local councils for more than 30 years.

Employment law

Employment law is constantly changing. So



that you don't suffer any disadvantages, either as an employer or an employee, you need a lawyer who specifically practises in this area to ensure both the preparation of contracts and sensible dispute advice.

Building law

The process of building is one that is governed by specific legislation. Whether you are a tradesman seeking payment for work done, or a consumer seeking rectification of a building problem, we offer advice from solicitors who possess expertise in this area.

Family law

Family law is an area which also calls for specific expertise, not to mention genuine compassion. We recognize and have empathy for the huge personal and financial stresses you are under.

A R Walmsley & Co will advise you responsibly of the likely cost of any litigation and the expected duration of your matter. We will also put into place strategies to minimise both costs and time.

As any lawyer will tell you, family law is different to any other jurisdiction, and is best served by lawyers who practice in this area on a constant basis. A R Walmsley & Co can offer you just that.

