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Specialist litigation advice for you, your family and your business

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We're a long established, leading legal firm, with expertise and experience in all areas of the law affecting you, your family and your business. We're also listed in the prestigious Legal 500 Guide to the UK's top legal practices, and The Times Best Law Firms Report since 2024. When it comes to dealing with sensitive and complex litigation issues, we've got years of experience in getting you the right result.

Our offices:

BTMK offices are open 9am - 5.15pm, Monday to Friday. Our telephone lines and live chat are available 24/7, 365 days a year. We're here when you need us most.

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We Can't Stop Disputes, But...

Personal and Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Disputes happen. In your personal life it's unfortunate; in business it's inevitable. And when it does, you don't need a best friend. You need solid, sound and pragmatic legal advice to get the right result, quickly and cost-effectively.

We're experts in litigation and alternative dispute resolution methods such as mediation and arbitration.

Our specialists create bespoke litigation strategies, for even the most challenging issues, getting results as quickly as possible, or helping you find a solution through alternative means. We deal with complex, high-value, and multi-jurisdictional disputes.

And importantly, we understand that it's usually in your best interests to maintain existing relationships where you can.

We can't stop disputes, but we can make sure you get the best legal advice and the best result possible.

Trust BTMK's lawyers to get you the outcome that's best, minimising your costs, while limiting the damage and disruption that can come with disputes.

For the third consecutive year, BTMK Solicitors have been recognised as a top 250 law firm in The Times' Best Law Firms Report.



As well as our high-quality legal services the report specifically references BTMK's Litigation & Dispute Resolution team which specialises in commercial and contract disputes, inheritance, wills and probate disputes, insolvency & employment law, as well as personal injury and clinical negligence work.

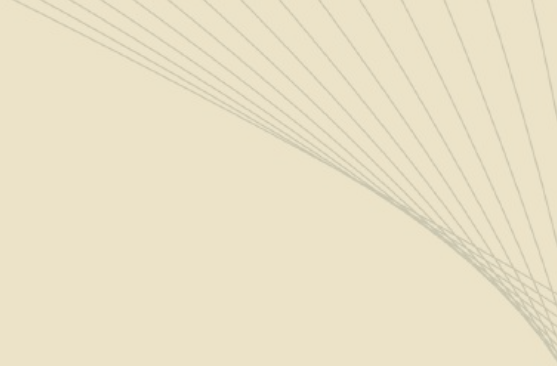
We have a particular specialism in dealing with pre-action remedies such as Freezing Injunctions, Search Orders and Imaging Orders.

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**When You Need
Unrivalled Support with
Complex Litigation**

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Urgent Injunctions & Pre-Action Remedies

When time is of the essence, you need swift and decisive legal action.

Our team specialises in urgent injunctions, search orders and interim relief to protect your interests ahead of a full court trial. Whether you are facing asset-freezing applications or emergency measures to prevent harmful behaviour our specialists move quickly to secure containment and preserve your position.

We combine detailed legal knowledge with real-world understanding to execute an effective strategy, so you can focus on the business or personal matter at hand, confident that the necessary steps are already in motion.

In this field, the process and the evidence required is complex and must be thorough. You need the expertise and experience of BTMK's lawyers, who have years of experience in dealing with these challenging issues.

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Restrictive Covenants & Specialist Employment-Related Cases

In demanding employment scenarios involving senior executives, restrictive covenants or confidentiality issues, you can only rely on experienced legal guidance.

At BTMK, we handle disputes around non-compete and non-solicitation provisions, departures of key individuals and contested employment claims requiring specialist advice. Our approach balances robust protection with practical business insight.

Whether we're representing employers seeking enforcement or individuals navigating potential liability, we create a tailored strategy, and decisive representation that resolves the issue with minimum disruption and preserving business relationships.



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Intellectual Property Litigation

Protecting and enforcing your intellectual property is critical to preserving your competitive advantage. At BTMK, this is a specialist area.

We'll advise on trademarks, copyrights and designs and provide strong litigation backup for infringement, passing-off and trade-secret disputes.

Our team has years of high-level experience and blends legal diligence with commercial understanding so that you get the best advice that's aligned with your business objectives. We'll safeguard your IP assets, respond to threats quickly and pursue enforcement or defence with precision. It's a field of law that demands the support of seasoned legal expertise.

It's more important than ever to understand your rights and protect your ideas.



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Insolvency & Restructuring Litigation

When insolvency or restructuring issues arise you need speed, expertise and strategy. These are challenging from a financial and personal perspective, so we guide you expertly through the technicalities of creditor and debtor disputes, director disqualification cases and insolvency-related claims in formal and informal contexts. We'll advise you when you need to restructure a business, recover or defend debts, or manage liability.

We work alongside professional advisers to assess your strategic options and create an action-focused plan designed to protect your interests and reduce risks.

Choosing BTMK's specialists gives you clarity, confidence and forward movement in even the most challenging situations.

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Residential Landlord & Tenant Litigation

A property portfolio is a significant investment. Tenancy agreements and statutory notices are tightly regulated. Perhaps you're challenging unfair terms, defending eviction notices or seeking redress for disrepair and harassment.

Poor legal advice can lead to expensive delays and actionable outcomes.

Whether you are a landlord protecting your investment or a tenant defending your rights, you need specialists with the legal knowledge of the realities of property portfolios, tenancy agreements, commercial leases and residential lettings.

We'll assess your position, identify the risks, explain your rights, your options and likely outcomes, and create a path to the best possible outcome.

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Commercial Landlord & Tenant Litigation

We provide robust representation across the full range of commercial landlord and tenant disputes. Our expertise ranges from 1954 Act lease renewals, dilapidations, and service charge matters to critical enforcement scenarios, including forfeiture and the swift removal of squatters and trespassers.

Whether advising on breaches of covenant or the validity of break notices, we deliver strategic advice designed to resolve conflicts efficiently and safeguard your commercial assets, especially important in an uncertain economic climate.





Shareholder & Director Disputes

Board-level or shareholder conflicts can jeopardise the future of a business.

Whether you're an individual facing a dispute or a company defending action, you need specialist lawyers who understand board dynamics, commercial risk, governance frameworks and the real-world impact of business conflict.

BTMK's lawyers help you assess your rights and will pre-empt conflict. But when matters escalate we manage mediation, arbitration or court proceedings with confidence, limiting any ongoing damage.

Getting our advice early on can preserve business value, limit unnecessary costs and maintain the reputational integrity for both the individual and the business.

Choose BTMK's expert litigators when you need the best legal representation, that keeps things moving, protects your investment and resolves any conflict with discretion.



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Building & Construction Disputes

Construction disputes are notoriously complex, often involving a mix of technical specifications, tight timelines, and intricate contracts. Whether you are a homeowner undergoing a renovation or a developer managing a large-scale site, we understand that any delay or defect represents a significant financial and emotional burden.

We provide robust legal support for:

Individuals & Homeowners: Resolving issues surrounding defective workmanship, project overruns, and contractual disagreements in residential builds or high value renovations.

Builders & Contractors: Protecting your cash flow and reputation by managing payment disputes (including adjudication), variations, and “snagging” claims.

Developers: Navigating high-value professional negligence claims against architects or surveyors and resolving multi-party disputes in complex commercial projects.

Our Approach: No two builds are the same. We prioritise clear, pragmatic advice to get projects back on track. While we are experts in litigation, we are also specialists in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), aiming to resolve conflicts through mediation or adjudication before costs escalate and at the same time, trying to keep projects on track to completion.

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Right of Light

A Right of Light issue can be a “serious problem” for a developer or a permanent blight on a homeowner’s property. We act at the sharp end of this specialist area of property law, working with specialist Right of Light Experts, balancing the need for growth and development balanced with the protection of established property rights.

Our expertise spans the full spectrum of Right of Light work:

For Developers: *We provide early-stage strategic advice to identify potential infringements. If a dispute arises, we act swiftly to defend against threatened or actual injunctions, negotiating settlements or litigating to protect your development’s viability. We have expertise in serving and challenging Light Obstruction Notices (LONs).*

For Adjoining and neighbouring owners: *If a neighboring development threatens to diminish your natural light, we act to protect your interest. We work closely with specialist surveyors to quantify the impact and pursue damages or injunctive relief to suspend or alter the build.*

Technical Precision:

Right of Light cases are won and lost on technical evidence. We collaborate with leading surveyors and barristers, to ensure that every claim is backed by clear data, ensuring our clients—whether facing a small residential extension or a major commercial development—receive the most proactive representation possible.





Professional Negligence

Holding Professionals to Account

When you instruct a professional, you are investing in their expertise. When that trust is breached through an error or omission, the financial and personal fallout can be significant. We specialise in navigating the complexities of professional indemnity claims, bringing the technical expertise necessary to challenge well-resourced opponents and their insurers.

Our Industry Expertise

We represent individuals and commercial entities in high-stakes claims against a broad spectrum of professionals, including:

Legal Professionals: *Claims against solicitors, barristers, and non-regulated legal providers for missed deadlines, poor drafting, or lost litigation chances, as well as negligent advice in respect of earlier litigation.*

Financial & Tax Advisers: *Redressing losses caused by negligent tax planning, forensic accounting errors, or unsuitable financial products.*

Property & Construction Experts: *Pursuing surveyors for over-valuations or missed defects, and architects for design failures or inadequate project oversight when acting in a contract-administration role.*

Accountants: *Bringing claims for poor due diligence in a company sale or purchase, missed deadlines and errors in tax accounting.*



Success in professional negligence requires more than just legal knowledge; it requires a clear understanding of the Pre-Action Protocol. We operate in full compliance with these procedures to ensure your claim is built on a solid foundation from the outset.

- **Costs/Benefit** - We provide an honest, early-stage assessment to distinguish “mere complaints” from viable, high-value monetary claims. This saves our clients time and protects them from the costs of litigation that won’t succeed.
- **Dealing with Insurers** - We are experts at negotiating directly with professional indemnity insurers. We understand their tactics and speak their language, allowing us to push for the best possible settlement terms.
- **Cost-Efficient Resolution** - Our goal is to find a favourable and cost effective resolution by leveraging the Protocol and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). We aim to secure substantial damages while keeping the claimant’s costs outlay to an absolute minimum.



Debt Recovery

Decisive Action. Maximum Recovery.

In a challenging economic climate, cash flow is the lifeblood of any business. We provide a service that handles both high-volume debt lists and complex, high-value recoveries with equal precision. Our team is recognised for acting quickly and decisively, utilising every legal lever—from statutory demands to robust court action—to secure payment before assets disappear into the hands of competing creditors.

Beyond simple recovery, we are specialists in Insolvency and Bankruptcy Law. We work closely with insolvency practitioners to navigate winding-up petitions and administrations, ensuring our clients are positioned at the front of the queue to secure the best possible outcome from distressed situations. Understanding that “one size does not fit all,” we offer a range of flexible fee structures tailored to the value and complexity of the debt, ensuring our services remain commercially viable whether we are recovering a single substantial sum or managing a high-volume ledger that needs to have a balanced approach.





Commercial & Contract Disputes

Contractual disputes are the inevitable friction of a successful business landscape. When agreements fail or interpretation of contractual provisions differ, you need a legal team that prioritises your commercial objectives over protracted, and expensive litigation. We handle the full spectrum of commercial conflicts—from complex breach of contract and shareholder disputes to partnership dissolutions and general business disputes. Our focus is on providing a strategic roadmap that protects your interests while minimising disruption to your daily operations and protecting the loss of management time.

While we are seasoned litigators, we are experts in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). We are strong advocates for mediation, possessing the specialist skill set required to resolve even the most entrenched disputes outside the courtroom. By combining technical legal expertise with a pragmatic, settlement-focused mindset, we secure outcomes that are not only legally sound but commercially advantageous—saving our clients significant time, cost, and reputational risk.





Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence Litigation

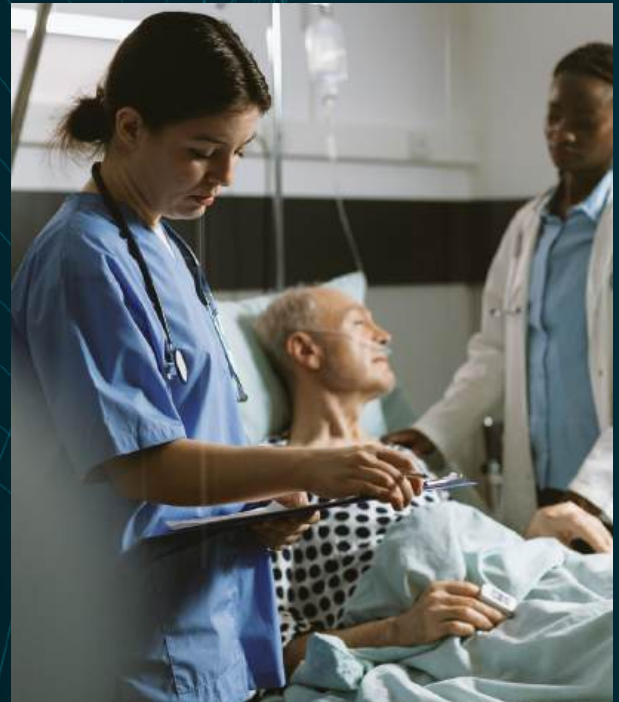
An injury through someone else's negligence can change your life. It takes a physical, emotional and possibly financial toll.

But whether you were injured at work, in a road accident, or suffered because of a medical error, you need expert legal support to secure compensation that allows you to rebuild your future.

Our specialist legal team navigates you through this complex terrain of legal, medical and insurance considerations, working alongside medical experts to demonstrate the full impact of the harm. If you've suffered because of someone else's error, we help you get accountability, justice and a chance to move on.

And while the idea of court might be an additional stress, we build such robust cases that most settle before court intervention is needed. We look at your case in detail, get medical expert opinion and create such a strong case that it often limits the need for a judge's ruling. But if court is the outcome, we'll create an expert strategy, working alongside leading barristers, to get you the best result possible. And we can work on a no-win/no-fee option when we think you have a case.

If you have suffered an avoidable injury or harm through no fault of your own, speak to BTMK's specialist Personal Injury & Clinical Negligence team.



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Contentious Probate Litigation

Inheritance disputes and contentious probate issues are becoming increasingly common. They involve high emotions, complex estate structures and sensitive family dynamics. There are additional factors too; increased DIY wills, blended families, and more and more issues around capacity and virtual witnessing.

Your legal strategy must be robust - that's why you need specialists.

Our Wills, Inheritance, Trusts & Probate litigation team offers specialist support when you suspect a will is invalid, a trust is being mis-managed or you believe that you have not received what you reasonably should under the Inheritance Act 1975. We handle lack of testamentary capacity, undue influence, forged wills, absence of a will (intestacy) and disputes involving trustees and executors.

We act for both claimants and defendants, expertly guiding you through mediation and alternative dispute resolution where appropriate. If needed, we're ready to litigate; but we also understand that while you need robust, expert advice, these issues can be incredibly emotive. Our lawyers are here to guide you step-by-step through a process that can often feel overwhelming.

Start with our expert support that helps you protect your rights.

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Clear Advice. Confident Representation.

With BTMK you work with experienced specialists who understand the financial and personal impact of business and personal disputes in detail. We're experienced in alternative dispute resolution, because we build such robust cases that in many cases court rulings are avoided. However, rest assured that if you do need to litigate, we are ready to fight.

If you need expert legal guidance through a dispute, speak with our specialist Litigation and Dispute Resolution team today. You'll get clear advice that helps you understand your position and a robust strategy for your next steps. You can stay focused on what matters, whilst we manage the process.

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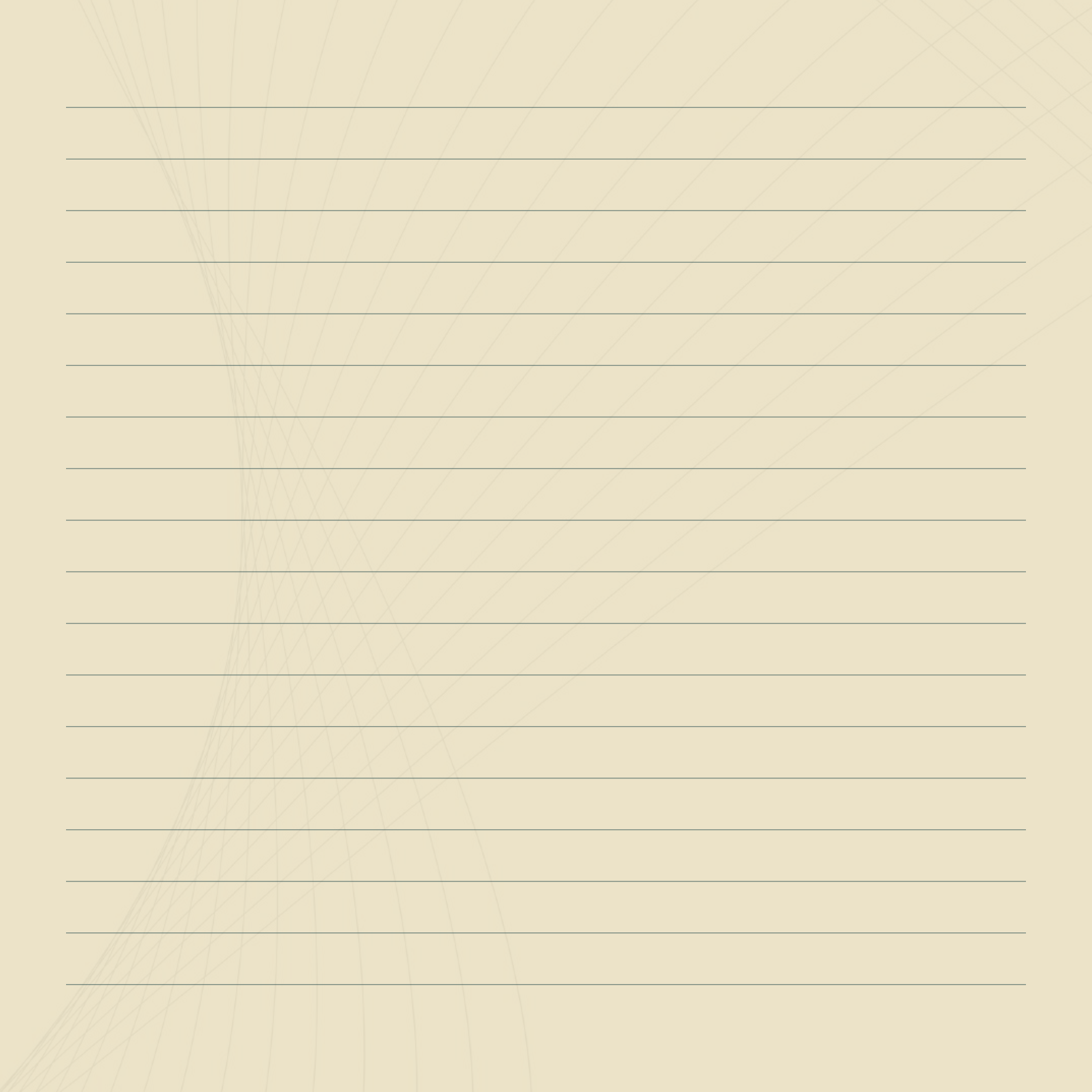
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