ARE YOU PARTNERS?

Some people can be employees and called partners or even co-directors

YES

NO

If your partner is actually **employed** by you, you may be able to dismiss him or her. Our Employment Team can help you.

If your partner is actually a **fellow owner of a limited company**, a separate set of rules applies – you have a Shareholder Dispute. We can help you with this.

DO YOU HAVE A PARTERSHIP AGREEMENT

(Sometimes called Partnership Deed or if you're in an LLP a Members Agreement)

YES

You will need to follow what the Partnership Agreement says. There will be clauses in the agreement that apply in the event of a dispute. They may allow expulsion in certain circumstances. We can help you negotiate your way through the agreement and draw up and Deed of Retirement for the leaving partner or member of an LLP.

NO

LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP (LLP)

If you are in an LLP with no Member's Agreement, the statutory rules apply and you cannot expel a member of the LLP. You may need to apply to the Court to dissolve the LLP, although we have experience of negotiating settlements which is quicker and easier.

GENERAL PARTNERSHIP

Sadly you cannot expel a partner. You can threaten to dissolve the partnership and we can negotiate a settlement with your partner and draw up a Deed of Retirement which allows the partnership to continue without the difficult partner.