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FOR ACCOUNTANTS, BROKERS AND ADVISERS

Warning signs checklist

Keep this sheet on your desk. Tick any of these signs you notice in a client's business.

When should professional referrers be concerned?

Professional referrers are often the first to spot the warning signs.

A legal referral should usually be considered early where you see:

- [ ] one owner being denied access to financial information;
- [ ] unexplained movements of company money;
- [ ] related-party dealings without transparency;
- [ ] a sudden proposed share issue or restructure;
- [ ] one side being cut out of management;
- [ ] disputes about remuneration, dividends or control;
- [ ] a board that can no longer function properly; or
- [ ] concern that records may be deleted or assets moved.

> **These are often the moments when early legal advice can preserve options and reduce risk.**



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If you act for business owners, directors, investors or private companies and are seeing the early signs of unfair treatment or control disputes, contact our team at Axia Litigation Lawyers.

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FOR BUSINESS OWNERS

Documents checklist

Use this sheet to find your company documents before you get legal advice, and note where each one is kept.

What should a client gather before getting advice?

A client does not need a perfect brief before seeking advice, but it helps to gather the key documents early.

Usually that means:

	DOCUMENT	WHERE IS IT? WHO HAS IT?
☐	the company constitution;	
☐	any shareholders agreement;	
☐	the share register;	
☐	board minutes and resolutions;	
☐	recent financial statements and management accounts;	
☐	bank statements and key transaction records;	
☐	relevant emails and messages; and	
☐	details of any recent or proposed share issues, transfers or major transactions.	

> **If there is urgency, preservation is more important than presentation.**



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