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# THE EFFECTIVE COMPLAINT HANDLING COURSE 2 half days

#### Introduction

Objectives of training and complaints handling FCA rules – DISP 1.1A for MiFID cases FOS materials

# **Building complaints procedure**

A complaints procedure and policy Complaints management function Scope of the procedure and the FCA Complaint Rules (DISP)

# Advanced disclosure of the complaints process

Summary details and their uses Website disclosure of how to complain

# **Identifying Complaints**

Definition of complaints
Defining expressions of dissatisfaction
Digital media comment
Third party complainants
Eligible complainant definitions – business customers
Handling the complainant who doesn't want to complain
Complaints about another firm and forwarding
Record-keeping
End of the next three business day rule

# Acknowledgement

Time-limits and content
Obtaining authorities – handling third party cases

## Investigation

Who? Need for independence
What needs to be investigated?
How to investigate
Obtaining the version of events of all people involved
Relationship between discipline and investigations
8 week letters

## **Assessment**

Standards to be applied Materials to consult Dangers of premature adjudication



#### Time-bars

# Reasons why complaints are upheld

Unsuitable advice
Product provider responsibilities
Customer's misled by non-disclosure
Bad administration
Compensation principles
Interest rates and tax
Customer unreasonableness

# **Final Response**

Regulatory requirements - standards and letter form Structure and live demonstration of the letter Replying to the unintentional complainant Referring the customer to FOS and the Pensions Ombudsman Dealing with obstructive customers

## **Financial Ombudsman Service**

Limits on FOS' powers
Jurisdictional filter – refusal to investigate cases within jurisdiction
FOS procedure
Awards – limits and obligations to honour them

## Reporting and publishing complaints data

Basic principles - Q&A

## **Root cause analysis**

Learning from cases
Identifying recurring or systemic issues
Remedying them
Techniques for doing root cause analysis
Management information