



AMICUS THE UNION FOR YOU DECEMBER 2006 IN CBS

OUR UNION CONTINUES TO GROW

Non-members have been asking how much we cost. Members have been wondering why subs have recently gone down. This leaflet explains our costs and gives further examples of Amicus benefits. Subs rates in our giant Union have been harmonised. That's why former UNIFI members at CBS have seen reductions in our rates. Amicus is organised into twenty-one different industrial sectors of the economy – the finance sector is but one of these. Membership rates are now the same in all sectors.

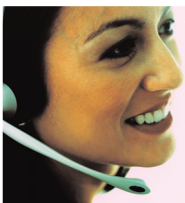
DO YOU KNOW A WORKING STUDENT?

We are proud to advise that if you are a working student, Amicus membership is an unbeatable **£10** per year.

This means that you get the full service from Britain's biggest private sector union, at a fraction of the cost. Our package for students includes

- Individual representation at work
- 24hr legal advice line
- Unrivalled range of free legal services
- Numerous Union benefits and special discounts

Do you have any family or friends who are working students? If so, you would be really helping them if you made them aware of this great deal.



WORK LESS THAN 20 HOURS PER WEEK ?

Our part-time members pay a monthly contribution rate of **£5.65**. In return, Amicus deliver for our members 100% the full service. It is unlawful for a part-time employee to receive detrimental treatment on grounds of hours of work. Amicus expect equal treatment for all, including access to training and career development.

AGED 16-20?

Whatever your hours of work, young people get special help from Amicus as they embark on their careers in the modern workplace. Young people tend to be in low paid jobs, and are often unaware of their rights. Amicus can help young people, and this is reflected in our special monthly contribution rate of **£4.88**

FULL-TIME ?

Full-time CBS members pay a monthly contribution to Amicus of **£9.75**. It doesn't matter if you earn 14k or 60k per year – ours is a flat rate. In the wealthy world of financial services, virtually all individuals at all grades are priced out of funding their own legal case. For the free legal services our organisation offers, membership is a bargain for all full-time employees at all grades.

This helps to explain why Amicus has members at all grades across financial services, from Admin Assistants to Chief Executives. Amicus is equally committed to supporting members in senior and clerical grades.

We define "Full-Time" as working twenty or more hours per week.

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Join online at www.amicustheunion.org or ring 0121 569 8900 for an application form

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

You can view Amicus newsletters in this and other Building Societies online, in addition to many other financial organisations. Log onto www.amicustheunion.org – then select “Sectors”, then “Finance and Business Services”, then “Amicus in your organisation”.

I-Tunes / I-Pod users may be interested to hear that Amicus are also busy Podcasting! This is a great way to enable members to listen to our General Secretary, Derek Simpson. Free Amicus Podcasts can be found via I-Tunes or the link from our home-page.

Those of you that are interested in politics & social policy might like to try www.epolitix.com. This website brings together hundreds of organisations such as campaigning groups, blue chip companies, charities, trade unions, and government and public bodies.

There is plenty of Amicus content, including your Unions formal submissions to government white papers.

HISTORIC MERGER APPROACHING....

Members will know that our proposed merger with T&G is moving ever closer. The merger is now subject to approval by the members of both Unions in a secret postal ballot. It is hoped that the new Union will be effective from 1st May 2007.

Further details will follow to members home addresses. Ballot papers will be issued to members in January.

Your vote is your voice. Use it to create Britains biggest and best ever Union!

MEMBER BENEFITS

There are many more free benefits of membership which you can take advantage of:

- An independent Union Voice at Work
- Professional Representation in individual matters
- Comprehensive range of free legal services – visit our website
- Free Will for every member
- Exclusive discounts at Optical Express
- Union Energy Electricity & Gas
- Holiday Club
- Airport Parking
- Travel Insurance
- Wellwoman Insurance
- Motor & Home Insurance
- Vehicle Breakdown Cover
- Financial Advice including Debt Counselling
- Amicus Personal Accident Plan
- Amicus Illness Cash Plan
- Amicus Mastercard
- Tax Rebate Service
- The Amicus Lottery....and many more!

The Amicus LegalLine is a free service that enables members to obtain initial legal advice on a whole range of issues. This service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. 0870 240 45 45 – you will need to quote your membership number.

The above offers will help you to offset the cost of your union membership.

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