



Protecting what matters to your organisation

Supporting your business,
every step of the way.

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Legal advice for life and business



Our ambitions are unlimited:
We want to unlock potential for
our clients, inspiring confidence,
growth and development.

About Shakespeare Martineau

We are a leading full-service UK law firm, providing legal services to businesses, and organisations of all sizes, families and individuals. We are part of Ampa, a group of professional services companies that offer complementary services.

We're here to support you through every legal aspect of both business and life. Whenever you need guidance or face challenges, you can count on us for trusted solutions. Whether you're seeking top-tier, commercially-focused legal advice to grow your business or need assistance with everyday compliance and governance, our team has the knowledge, skills, and expertise to deliver results that work best for you and your business.



Being ranked in 63 areas of law by Legal 500, we offer a broad range of expertise and extensive knowledge. Whether your needs are personal or business-related, our highly skilled teams provide tailored solutions, ensuring you receive exceptional support and advice backed by proven experience and commitment.



Celebrating industry awards highlights our commitment to excellence and innovation across the legal sector, demonstrating the quality of our services and the trust clients place in us.



Achieving a 5* Feefo Platinum service rating underscores our dedication to client satisfaction.



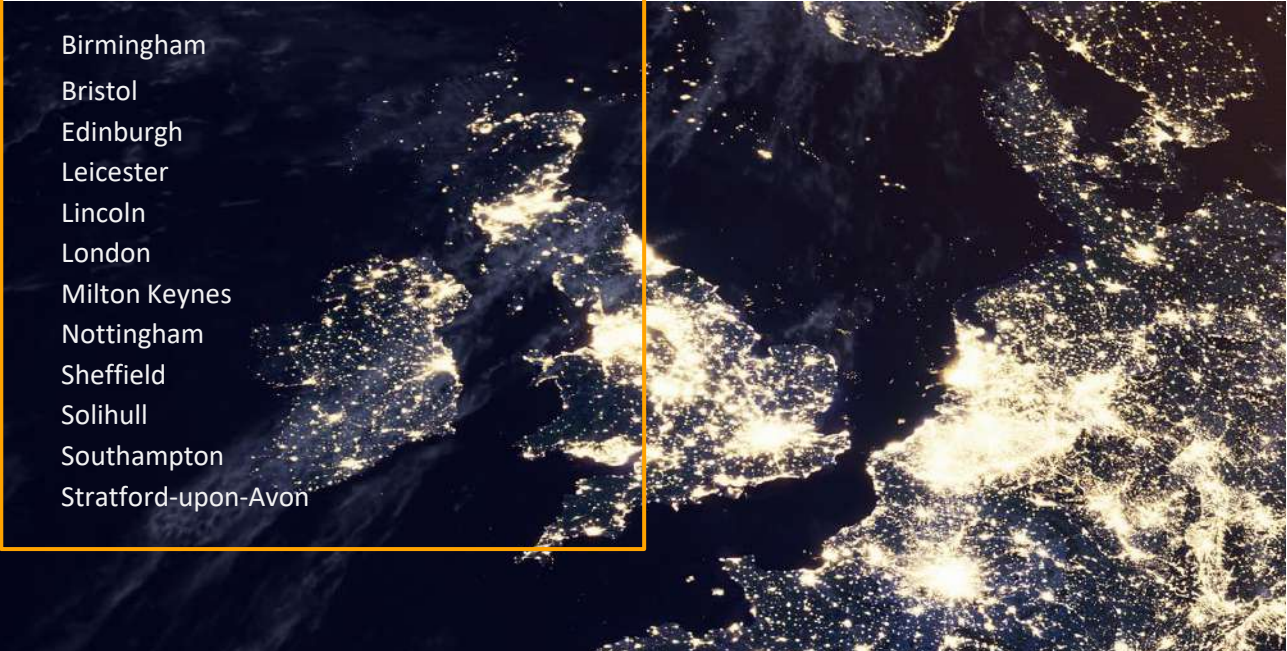
As a STEP Platinum Partner, we uphold the highest standards in trusts and estates practice, ensuring clients receive trusted expertise and exceptional service in estate planning.

Certified



We are one of the largest legal and professional services groups to be a certified B-Corporation. Certified organisations are legally required to consider the impact of business decisions on their people, customers, suppliers, communities and the environment, ensuring a balance between purpose, people and profit.

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Why choose us

On paper we are a national full-service law firm, delivering comprehensive legal support to businesses, organisations, families, and individuals throughout every stage of life and business. But we offer you so much more than that.

At the heart of our approach are the relationships we build with our clients. We recognise that every situation is unique, so we take the time to listen to your needs and deliver expert, commercially savvy advice with a personal touch tailored for you. By championing our clients and providing exceptional

business and personal guidance, we foster and invest in lasting partnerships.

We are your trusted advisors, helping you navigate life's opportunities and challenges. We support your personal goals and assist you in protecting your legacy for the future.

As a responsible business, we are dedicated to leveraging our expertise as a force for good, positively impacting people and communities.

Our values and you

Our values guide us, shaping our identity as a firm and setting the standard for what you can expect from us. Every member of our team shares these values and embodies our culture code, which shapes our work, behaviour, and accountability. This commitment to our values is evident in everything we do, ensuring that our clients receive exceptional service.

Authentic

We pride ourselves on being open-minded and confident while valuing diverse perspectives. For our clients, this means you can expect a welcoming environment where your unique needs and viewpoints are understood and respected, fostering trust and meaningful collaboration.

Collaborative

By sharing knowledge and working together as a cohesive team, we bring our best to every client. This collaboration enhances the quality of our legal services, ensuring that you benefit from a comprehensive approach and a wealth of expertise tailored to your specific needs.

Trusted

Integrity is paramount for us; we prioritise doing the right thing over the easy thing. Our commitment to trustworthiness means that you can rely on us to deliver honest, straightforward advice and action that aligns with your best interests. Our words and actions consistently reflect our values, providing peace of mind to our clients.

Brave

We love exploring ideas, pushing boundaries, driving change for the benefit of all. We positively question anything contrary to our culture our responsibilities and do not shy away from difficult conversations.

Why this matters to you

Our shared values create a strong foundation for your experience with us. When you choose to work with us, you're not just choosing a law firm; you're partnering with a team that is dedicated to your success, understands your unique circumstances, and is committed to acting in your best interests.

We strive to build lasting relationships based on trust, collaboration and shared goals, ensuring that you receive the highest quality legal support throughout your journey. Your satisfaction and success are our top priorities, and our values drive us to achieve them together.



Our specialist sectors

Social Housing

Backed by specialists with an in-depth knowledge of social housing, residential and commercial development, planning and construction as well as housing management, employment, finance and funding, corporate and commercial law, we build your team of advisers to help you realise your goals.

Healthcare

Traditional and new care pathways are beginning to converge through joined-up thinking and the application of supportive technology. This is democratising healthcare. Individuals will increasingly expect to be able to choose what, how and when care is delivered. In such a fast-changing environment it can feel as if the rules are being rewritten. Our healthcare solicitors help to ensure that your business can continue to thrive.

Energy

We're exceptionally proud of the deep-rooted energy and water expertise we have here at Shakespeare Martineau. As one of our core sectors, much of our time and resource is focused upon these related (and converging) industries, ensuring we are at the forefront of developments and are best placed to make a positive difference to our clients.

Education

We have been providing full service legal advice to the education sector since 1900 and now act for over 100 further and higher education institutions. With a long-standing involvement in and commitment to the education law sector, our team has extensive experience across all legal issues that affect the sector, guiding and supporting our clients through challenges and opportunities.

Agriculture

Whatever's going on in your life and on your farm, you can depend on us. Whether you're a farmer or food producer, landowner or tenant, we're here to help guide you. We'll listen, give our honest advice and, if needed, fight your corner, all to protect the people and things that matter and help you build a stronger, more sustainable business.


Banking

We understand that your deal activity is often time critical, and we have the resources and network to handle transactions of any size. Working collaboratively, we assemble dedicated teams of specialist banking lawyers, that work hand-in-hand with our corporate, tax, employment and real estate lawyers to deliver a seamless, efficient and tailored service.

Charities

Our team of charity and not-for-profit specialist lawyers and advisers have been brought together to provide you with market leading advice and creative solutions to help you focus on what matters most: the delivery of your organisation's purposes.





Our teams offer the experience and expertise your business needs to realise its ambitions and address legal challenges.

For business

We deliver practical, commercially-focused legal advice and representation to businesses of all types and sizes. Whether you require specialist support and advice to ensure compliance and ongoing maintenance of your business, innovative solutions for successful growth or strategic succession planning, we're here to help.

Corporate

Our team uses their broad knowledge of the corporate world and industry connections to ensure your business doesn't just survive - it thrives. We can support you across all aspects of corporate law including mergers and acquisitions, corporate restructuring, corporate finance, corporate governance, private equity and venture capital.

Commercial and IP

Identifying business goals and putting a strategy in place to reach them is paramount; we have the experts you'll need with the skills and resilience to help you get the best results. Having legal advisers who understand your intentions and aims is essential. We can support your general commercial activities, including GDPR and data compliance, service and supply agreements, procurement and re-seller and distributor contracts.

Intellectual property goes to the heart of our clients' freedom to operate and impacts market share in their chosen fields. We advise you on protecting your own rights and steering clear of other peoples'. It's not an easy task but can be a vital factor in success.

Employment

Our experienced employment solicitors are here to support you with a wide range of employment law matters, offering clear and practical advice. Our national team provide advice on employment contracts, disputes, workforce management, regulatory compliance as well as advice with regards to trade unions and work councils, ensuring they are tailored to the requirements of your organisation.

For business

Tax

Businesses face unique tax challenges that require expert guidance. Our services include tax planning, compliance, and advisory services tailored to your industry and business structure. We assist with entity structuring, tax-efficient transaction planning, international tax considerations and more. By staying current with the latest tax laws and regulations, we help your business with the complexities of the tax landscape, ensuring you remain compliant and financially efficient.

Finance and banking

Our service is tailored to your needs and we work extensively with leading high street banks, challenger banks, peer-to-peer funders, short term lenders, invoice discounters, asset-based lenders and Islamic finance institutions. With cross-border experience and understanding, our capabilities aren't limited to the UK, but span local, national and international activity. From leveraged finance deals, trade acquisitions and management buyouts, to restructuring loans, debt-for-equity swaps and the provision of term loan and working capital debt, our full service team can offer technical expertise, commercial acumen and an unrivalled eye for detail.

Restructuring and Insolvency

In any situation when things take a turn for the worse, our corporate restructuring and insolvency team work closely and quickly with clients to assess options to deliver the best possible commercial outcomes. This can be a time of enormous uncertainty for businesses and so we ensure our insolvency solicitors offer clear and commercial advice keeping business goals and the future objectives of the business front of mind.

Real Estate and Planning

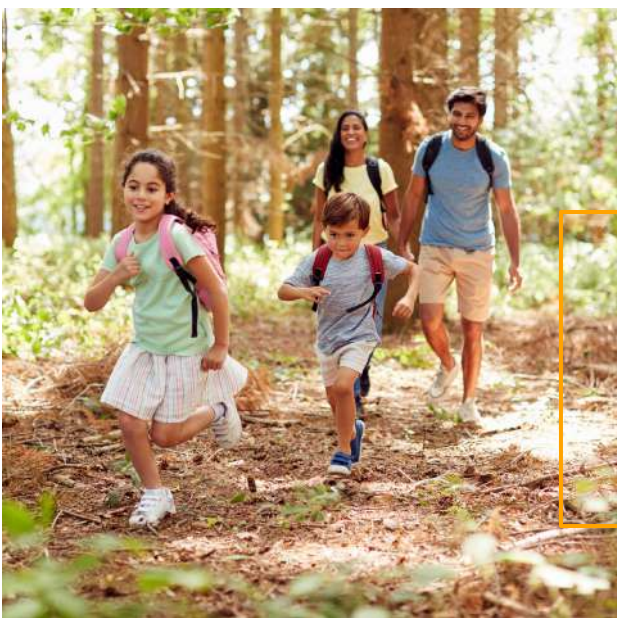
Whether you're striking out with a new residential venture, looking for regeneration opportunities or restructuring your commercial property portfolio, our real estate solicitors can help you to maximise your assets and ambitions.

We recognise that there are no one-size-fits-all approaches to commercial property investments – and our tailored approach to legal advice and representation reflects this. Whatever the nature of your real estate projects, we assess your company's requirements and provide a bespoke team of property lawyers with the experience and expertise you need.

Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Our experienced litigators always start by listening to your needs first and we promise to give you well-considered advice based on our expertise and where possible we will guide you to find a way to resolve the dispute amicably at an early stage, particularly if we think you could gain from doing so. We pride ourselves on our cost transparency, making sure you understand all the implications of taking the matter further – financial and otherwise. The advice we give you is what we would do in your position. We will become a trusted and integral part of your team.

We're also here for you



Our team comprises empathetic experts in a range of different specialisms, involving legal advice and representation for individuals, couples and families, who will take time to listen to your needs and make informed recommendations based on your unique circumstances.

Practice areas include:

- Private wealth management
- Wills, trusts and estates
- Residential property
- Power of attorney and court of protection
- Divorce and separation
- Family and immigration
- Children

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The process is designed to ensure that for all sizes of work, no matter how complex, services are delivered on time, on budget, and to the same high-quality standard whilst keeping you informed and in control of key decisions.

As a Multilaw member, we can provide you with an easy, one-stop solution to all your legal needs spanning different jurisdictions. This diverse service offering distinguishes us from other law firms and is deeply valued by our international clients looking for quick legal solutions in a global setting.

In recent years our work with Multilaw teams on UK ECM transactions has included:

- Working with WKB Wiercinski, Kwiecinski, Baehr in Warsaw on the Polish aspects of the listing of Crossword Cybersecurity plc on AIM.
- Working with MacPherson Kelley in Australia on an investment by AIM-listed Avingtrans plc in Magnetica Limited.
- Working with New Zealand and Singapore counsel with respect to due diligence for a reverse takeover and readmission to AIM.

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Within this collaborative network, we regularly work alongside colleagues across Ampa, creating seamless, integrated solutions that enable our clients to overcome challenges and seize growth opportunities.





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