

Dickinson Dees London



DICKINSON DEES

OUR VALUES

People

We value clients, those we work with, and relationships based on mutual understanding, respect, openness and integrity.

We are committed to working positively in the wider community.

Results

We foster excellence through innovation, creativity and pragmatism.

Our focus on results for our clients and ourselves goes hand in hand with enthusiasm and enjoyment of our work.

These values ensure that whilst you're dealing with a comfortably heavyweight firm with a huge range of specialist expertise, you'll also enjoy a refreshingly personal approach.

Just what you'd expect from people who are part of a successful business themselves.



INTRODUCTION

Dickinson Dees is one of the UK's leading law firms, with 79 partners and over 900 staff based in our offices in Newcastle, Tees Valley, York and now in London.

New business growth and existing client needs in the London and South-East led to the opening of our new office in London.

The new premises, based in Ludgate Hill, near Blackfriars will enable us to service clients based in London, the South East and internationally more effectively.

Dickinson Dees is a full-service commercial law firm providing a full range of legal advice to corporate and public sector clients. We also have a substantial private client practice which advises landowners, entrepreneurs and other high net worth individuals.

The firm divides itself into four principal departments, namely:

- Company & Commercial
- Property
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Private Client

In addition, the firm operates a large number of focused business groups providing specialist advice across the full range of legal issues faced by modern businesses and private clients.

Our fundamental rationale and business planning, is based around the simple proposition that lawyers have to deliver services that add value to their clients business. We strive to meet our clients requirements by delivering high quality services in a prompt and cost-effective manner. Our focus on quality has helped us to double the size of our business in the last five years.



OUR SERVICES

COMPANY AND COMMERCIAL

Our company and commercial practice covers the following main areas:

Corporate

Public and private company mergers & acquisitions, public offerings including flotations, joint ventures, private equity transactions and advice on regulatory issues and corporate governance. Clients range from start-ups and small private companies through to many quoted companies. Transaction sizes range from very small up to £500m plus. In 2006 the Corporate Group advised on completed transactions with a value in excess of £7 billion.

Banking & Finance

Advice to corporate borrowers and lenders on bank facilities, acquisition finance, project finance and structured finance transactions ranging in size from very small loans through to £100m plus. Clients include the majority of the main UK clearing banks, building societies and other lending institutions.

Commercial

Our commercial services team advises a wide range of clients on complex commercial contracts in relation to their strategic projects and also in relation to a range of “day to day” issues. The team comprises one of the few practices nationally with a substantial group of lawyers which is dedicated to providing general commercial support to our corporate clients.

Projects & PFI

A sizeable UK projects practice, including advice on PFI schemes and other infrastructure projects ranging in value from £4m up to £1 billion. The team has experience in the health, education, transport, prisons and energy sectors, amongst others.

Transport

One of the country’s leading transport practices with particular experience in bus, rail and UK airports.

Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals

Our Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Group comprises a team of lawyers with a focus on providing a comprehensive service to our clients in the chemicals and pharmaceuticals sector.

Information Technology & e-commerce

Our IT Group advises on all aspects of IT procurement, licensing and outsourcing with a particular emphasis on services to the financial services sector.

Intellectual Property

Advice on the full range of IP issues, both contentious and non-contentious. Services include patent litigation and brand protection services, with the capability and experience of managing major cross-border patent litigation and trade mark portfolios.

Corporate Recovery

A large team advising on a full range of individual and corporate insolvency and financial rescue issues, but which is also the exclusive legal adviser in the North to the Insolvency Service on directors’ disqualification issues.

Employment, Pensions & Employee Incentives

Advice on the full range of employment and pensions law issues, both contentious and non-contentious, together with advice on share schemes and other employee incentives.

Corporate Tax

An integrated team delivering advice on all aspects of corporate taxation, and specialist VAT, capital and other tax advice to venture capitalists and private individuals.

Competition Law

Advice on the full range of EU and UK competition regulations including state aid and grant assistance, compliance, defence and merger clearance.

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PROPERTY & LITIGATION

The property practice at Dickinson Dees covers the full range from small to large commercial property developments throughout the country, through to property finance transactions and a rapidly expanding volume residential conveyancing practice for major financial institutions. Specific areas of practice are:

Commercial Property Development

A large team handling a variety of property developments across the country, the values of which range from £1m to over £500m.

Commercial Property Investment & Management

Advice on the acquisition and subsequent management and letting of commercial property, ranging from small lettings through to the acquisitions and lettings of large commercial property portfolios.

Urban Regeneration

Advice to private and public sector developers of brownfield and inner city development sites across the country, ranging from small developments to Bellway's development of the 750 acre Thames Gateway site in conjunction with the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham.

Housebuilders

Advice to small and national housebuilders on all aspects of land bank acquisition, exploitation and on plot sales.

Social Housing & Housing Associations

Advice on small and large issues to housing associations, social landlords, charities, local authorities and funders of all forms of social housing.

Property Finance

Advice to funders of commercial property developments and to financial institutions engaged in property secured lending.

Planning & Minerals

The planning team includes both lawyers and chartered planners, offering both small and large clients an integrated approach to the planning process and all aspects of UK planning law.

Agricultural Property

Advice on all aspects of agricultural property and farm management.

Residential & Volume Business

A rapidly growing practice area advising financial institutions on volume lending and remortgage products and providing volume conveyancing services.

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

The Litigation practice encompasses general commercial litigation and a number of specialist teams covering specific niche areas. Claims handled range in size from very small to multi-million pound disputes. The practice also draws on the skills of in-house forensic accounting expertise.

Disputes handled include:

- Commercial disputes of every description
- Construction & property related disputes
- Employment & pensions disputes
- Environmental & regulatory law issues
- Trusts disputes

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PRIVATE CLIENT SERVICES

Life throws up a huge variety of opportunities and problems.

The range of services we offer can help you make the most of these. Our Private Client department, one of the largest in the UK, offers an incredibly wide choice of specialist skills and knowledge. Experts on everything from accountancy, to matrimonial law to financial planning are conveniently in one place.

So what can we do for you?

Under the umbrella of Wealth Management, we offer services to make the most of your private capital. These include independent Financial Planning, advice on Wills, Tax, Trusts & Probate and help to create business opportunities. Our Family department offers clear-sighted, hard headed advice on everything from pre-nuptial agreements to child support. And our Charity and Property

experts can take you through the complexities of contributing to the community or maximising your property assets.

Uniquely, our legal and financial services are fully integrated and in all instances our specialists work and consult closely. For example, when negotiating divorce settlements our matrimonial experts regularly call on the skills of our taxation and pensions experts.

Breadth of experience also comes from the fact that our people have worked for other legal practices, other businesses and accountancy firms.

The 'Family Office', your first point of contact, is the gateway to all our resources and a simple way to assess your needs and determine the best expert to meet your requirements cost-effectively.



SERVICE DELIVERY

Why should clients pay for services which don't add value?

We start with the aim of ensuring that our input meets your requirements - be they personal or business, to save you money, make you money or enhance your own products or services.

Timely advice can often represent money well spent but it doesn't always seem like that to begin with. If in doubt give us a call. A conversation costs nothing. If we can't help we'll say so. If we can, we'll tell you how and we'll let you know how much it will cost.

You will find that the advice we give is pragmatic and to the point.



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