

## Commercial Advice & Deals

Whatever their size, all businesses require legal advice at some stage. Whether supporting everyday requirements or one-off transactions, Stephensons' specialist commercial team acts quickly and practically to get the best results for clients on time and on budget across all areas of company and commercial work.



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### We can help with

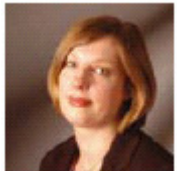
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#### **Business contracts**

Drawing on a detailed knowledge of our clients' businesses and with a focus on the issues of importance to them, we draft commercial agreements that provide the maximum amount of business protection. Our expertise includes:

- Advice on company establishment and structure - partnership agreements, incorporation of new companies
- Corporate governance & companies act compliance
- Shareholder/joint venture agreements and articles
- Standard terms and conditions of sale/purchase/trade
- Agency, distribution & franchise agreements
- Licensing
- Charities & trusts

**Kay Waddington**  
Partner



**Nicholas Yates**  
Partner



#### **Intellectual property and competition**

With a particular specialism in the field of intellectual property and competition, our experienced lawyers are able to advise on how best to protect, develop and enforce intellectual property assets. Our expertise includes:

- Trade mark applications & registrations
- Assignment and licensing of trademark, patents and other intellectual property
- Confidentiality & non-disclosure agreements

#### **IT and e-commerce**

The effective use of information technology and e-commerce transactions are increasingly important to all businesses. We help ensure compliance and protection across all areas of this field, including:

- IT & e-commerce contracts
- Software licensing
- Data protection
- Website audits

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### Our clients

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Our experience covers a broad spectrum of clients, ranging from small privately-owned businesses to established large organisations. We operate in the major corporate sectors, with particular expertise in the banking, construction, services, retail and public sector arenas. Our national accreditation with SBS (Small Business Service), enable us to potentially help SMEs gain grant assistance for legal advice.

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### Key facts about us

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- We have a genuine commitment to understanding our client's businesses and working with them on a partnership basis.
- We operate on a hands-on but informal basis and are never more than a phone call away.
- We seek to achieve practical solutions, discussing the merits or pitfalls of alternative approaches and never blinding clients with legal technicalities.
- Our policy of meeting clients wherever possible at their own premises and our lower office overheads enable us to charge more competitive fees than many city-based firms.
- We will always consider alternative charging approaches, including fixed fees and will assist clients in seeking and securing available funding options.

#### Contact us

Please feel free to contact us if you would like further information on any aspect of our work. Our friendly team is always on hand to help and advise you. We can be contacted directly on:

**01942 777777**

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### About Stephenson's

Stephenson's provides legal advice for all aspects of your personal or business life. By understanding your circumstances and keeping the red-tape to ourselves, we focus on efficiently delivering what you need, when you need it. Operating from a number of regional locations, we rank among the top 100 UK law firms and are one of the fastest growing practices in the north west. With over 400 staff, you can trust our specialists to take care of things on your behalf, always putting your best interests first. So, for legal advice and action the way you want it, just turn to Stephenson's.