

Company Acquisitions & Restructuring

The Stephensons' corporate team is experienced across a wide spectrum of corporate transactions, from acquisitions to disposals, restructuring to company winding-ups. Unlike many solicitors, we take a very proactive approach in this area, often introducing new business opportunities to our clients in a true partnership fashion.

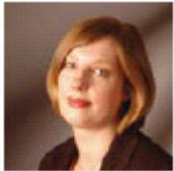


We can help with

Mergers & acquisitions

Mergers and acquisitions are the preferred means of expansion for many businesses. We excel in putting together 'off market' deals, exploiting our extensive business network to introduce expansionists to potential opportunities in a discreet manner. Working with clients and their other professional advisers every step of the way, we advise on the most effective ways of achieving commercial objectives. We often manage transactions from initial evaluation of the business opportunity through negotiations to completion, including advising on funding arrangements.

Kay Waddington
Partner



Corporate reorganisations & disposals

Our approach to corporate reorganisations and business disposals is rigorous. We advise on the most effective legal frameworks for achieving a reorganisation or a demerger. Likewise, we structure deals to ensure our clients achieve the best price in the most tax-effective way. With the security of our clients uppermost, we will alert clients to any possible pitfalls and suggest innovative ways of dealing with or eliminating risks. This includes negotiating sale documentation with vendor protection provisions to minimise the risk of any claims arising after the deal is concluded.

Nicholas Yates
Partner



Management buy-outs/buy-ins

We are committed to the success of our clients and in business this can involve MBOs and MBIs. We have an excellent understanding of the commercial issues that are involved in such a process and the areas of law that impact on an expanding business.

Other services

- Advice on company establishment, structure and dissolution - partnership agreements, incorporation of new companies
- Corporate governance & companies act compliance
- Sales and purchases of business assets
- Raising development capital
- Joint venture and shareholders agreements

Our clients

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.

Key facts about us

- We have a genuine commitment to understanding our clients' 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:

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