

About our Central England office

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Welcome

Client demand for a seamless service across a wider range of legal specialisms has enabled us to invest in our people and modern, new offices based in Lancaster House. Our Central England office is located on the same site as the University of Northampton's Waterside campus, in the heart of a thriving, innovative community.

Our predecessor firms have been providing legal services to the Central England region for nearly 200 years and we now offer a full suite of services for both you and your business.





Services for businesses and individuals

We're fortunate to have some specialist teams based within our Central England office, ensuring we can provide leading, pragmatic advice to businesses and individuals. Our expertise includes the following:

Agriculture and Estates – our experienced team acts for farmers, agricultural businesses and landed estates across the UK. All of our Central England agriculture specialists are from farming families themselves, so they really understand the issues and what matters to our clients.

Charities – our clients are doing their bit to make the world a better place, so we support them with governance, fundraising, training for trustees and more.

Commercial – commercial businesses need legal guidance perfectly aligned with their needs. We provide not just advice, but creative solutions to legal problems delivered in a commercially minded way. We make it our business to get to know your business, so we really understand your model and sector, so we can steer you through everything from day-to-day commercial matters to contracts, agreements, risk management, asset protection and share schemes.

Corporate – specialising in shareholder agreements, Joint Ventures, mergers and acquisitions, re-organisations and demergers, our Central England corporate team will help you get the deal done.

Dispute Resolution – our experienced dispute resolution team are problem solvers who walk alongside businesses and individuals, guiding them through tricky, high risk and high stress situations, whether that involves formal court or tribunal procedures or one of the alternative dispute resolution procedures available to get the best outcome.



Employment and Immigration – working with employers of all shapes and sizes to help manage their people, our employment and immigration specialists will get under the skin of the issues to provide practical advice that moves you forward.

Family – our Central England family law team are here to help people through what is often the most difficult time in their life. From pre-nuptial agreements to agreeing financial settlements on divorce, we'll help you move on positively.

Notarial Services – we can help individuals by authenticating and certifying documents such as Powers of Attorney for use overseas, and we can also notarise official documents for your business.

Pensions – our Central England pensions lawyers cut through the complex mix of case law, legislation, revenue practice and regulatory requirements involved in the operation of pension schemes to deliver proactive and practical advice.

Private Client – our experts, several of whom are STEP members (Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners) will help protect your assets now and for the future. Our Central England team includes tax and trusts advisors meaning we can provide advice without sitting on the fence. Our specialist Older and Vulnerable client team help support those that need it most. Whether it's wills, probate, powers of attorney or navigating the mental capacity act, our team have your best interests at the forefront of what they do.

Real Estate – our residential and commercial real estate specialists will help maximise your position by providing strategic, practical advice on all aspects of selling, buying and using land and property. We advise on promotion, joint venture, collaboration, option, and utilities agreements, as well as overage terms, title documents, funding documents, and contracts for the acquisition and disposal of land.

What our clients say about us

“There is a genuine culture of their working together, drawing upon the relevant people and their different capabilities to enable the best advice to be brought to me as a client. Additionally, the firm also appears to have a good gender balance which suggests that diversity is valued.”

“They take time to properly understand the issue and the organisation, enabling them to provide a practical solution which gets to the heart of the problem.”

“Very approachable and make sure they explain the most legal points into day-to-day workings so easier to understand.”

“The advice they provide is practical and relevant to the situation, rather than focusing on every possible eventuality. Responses were prompt and team members made themselves available at short notice, always offering a telephone call to chat matters through.”

“They listen to your requirements, clearly set out their engagement and clarify any points. They make themselves available to go through their feedback, where no question is too small for them.”

“They handle a wide range of high-end respondent work for national businesses. The firm has an extremely hands-on and proactive approach to client care and running complex cases as smoothly as possible.”

“You know you are better advised than the other side.”

“They remained calm under pressure and was prepared to go the extra mile to ensure a successful outcome for all parties.”

“Highly professional with an exceptional spread of advisers.”





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