



Company matters

The “behind the scenes” documentation required to form, regulate and manage a company, its board of directors and its member can often be underestimated.

We can assist with company formation matters, from the procedural aspects of creating a new company at Companies House to drafting bespoke Articles of Association, to regulate how the company is run going forward. We can also advise in relation to Shareholders’ Agreements, to regulate the relationship between the shareholders. Having a Shareholders’ Agreement can save a lot of time, worry and expense in the future, by providing for how certain matters or disputes will be dealt with. They will often state what matters require unanimous agreement, which decisions can be delegated and how a leaving shareholder must deal with their shares. This may be accompanied by Cross Option Agreements allowing continuing shareholders to acquire another person’s shares in a company upon their death, linked with life assurances. This is a prudent way of planning for the future of the company.

We can also assist with regular corporate performance issues, such as submitting Annual Returns and the filing of other forms at Companies House, as well as the more unusual and complicated matters, including share reorganisations, purchase of own shares, directors’ and senior managers’ service contracts, confidentiality agreements and transfer of assets between holding companies and subsidiaries. Such matters if not documented correctly, will be potentially invalid transactions. Transactions which are not properly documented at this stage could have far-reaching and potentially costly consequences, particularly if the company is sold in the future (for example, on retirement).

Please contact the Commercial Team for more information.

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- Business or Share sales and purchases
- Company matters
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Who we are



Andrew Stockton - Managing Partner and Head of the Commercial Team

After graduating from Leeds University, Andrew trained with the firm and qualified as a solicitor in 1984. He has specialised in commercial work since 1989, building a solid reputation for providing practical advice to a wide variety of clients – from small start-up ventures to national organisations. Andrew principally advises business clients on

corporate and commercial matters, with considerable expertise in dealing with share and asset sales and purchases, company reorganisations and restructuring. His commercial experience includes dealing with Terms and Conditions of Sale and Supply, Franchise and Distribution Agreements and non-contentious employment matters, such as Settlement Agreements. He also deals with commercial property matters.

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After gaining a first class honours law degree at Lancaster University, Sarah trained at Eversheds LLP, qualifying in 2004. She moved to Myerson Solicitors in Altrincham before joining Dootsons in 2012. Sarah deals with all aspects of commercial property law, including Landlord and Tenant matters, sales and acquisitions of land, Option Agreements, development matters, agricultural

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