



Legal Services for Businesses

Trading with the UK



Legal Services for Businesses

Trading with the UK

Woodfines is a well established and capable law firm with five offices across the central heartland of England. Geographically it is ideally placed to access the world renowned education and research centres of Cambridge and Oxford as well as being ideally positioned between London and the industrial and commercial hub of Birmingham.

As well as our ideal location for accessing the major commercial centres of England, we are also able to provide a broad range of legal support for organisations trading with or from the UK. We are able to offer a full package of legal services across all the core commercial law disciplines. In addition, we are able to support employees of client organisations with their domestic legal needs, whether that need be for a simple real estate transaction or for more complex family or personal legal matters.

We have grown steadily in recent years and are now in the top 10% of UK firms in terms of revenue. We are widely respected by various professional bodies and legal directories. Culturally, we place a strong emphasis in being approachable, in terms of accessibility to senior decision makers, through clear

advice and support, as well as being welcoming to clients, employees and other stakeholders and contacts.

We have an international outlook and considerable experience of working with organisations of various sizes that either trade with the UK or have moved into the UK to launch an operating base.

We understand that in some instances our clients require a full range of commercial law support yet need to simplify their communications by channelling them through one senior lawyer. Woodfines can allocate a Client Partner to act as a single point of contact for the various specialists within the firm.

Meeting facilities in London are available for our international clients.



Language Capability

A number of our individuals have international language capability. From a legal perspective all work performed is in accordance with English Law however, we realise that for communication purposes clients do appreciate some capability in their native language.

The listing of languages provided below shows that we have members of staff with some linguistic ability in that particular language. It should not be assumed that the firm is widely able to communicate in this language. Inevitably some languages have more speakers than others, but where possible we will make available a member of staff to join the support team for a client.

European Languages

French, German, Portuguese, Spanish, Dutch (Holland) Serbo-Croat, Welsh

Asian

Gujarati, Punjabi

African

Afrikaans

Example International Case Studies

The following case studies are not exhaustive but are indicative of the type of work we have performed on behalf of overseas organisations or individuals.

Commercial

Acted for the UK subsidiary of a listed company in India in respect of a shareholder's disagreement.

Acted for copyright owners of Indian films in respect of a dispute for non-payment of royalties.

Acted for shareholders of a UK company in respect of a multi million pound direct investment by a Russian investor.

Acted for shareholders of a UK company in respect of direct investment by a US company.

Act for a Dutch company in the removal of an errant director and shareholder of a UK subsidiary.

Act for the UK subsidiary of an Italian company liaising with a Group company director in Italy.

Regularly advise a UK perfume manufacturer on distribution agreements for territories worldwide which encompass different jurisdictions.

Act for a UK distributor of laser equipment which involves considering distribution agreements from numerous jurisdictions but mainly US.

Acted for purchase of share capital from French seller for large agricultural organisation.

Acted for a large international agricultural firm in the purchase of a company in Lothian, Scotland.

Act for Danish limited companies set up as SPV's for joint ventures between high net worth foreign investors, primarily specific types of commercial property worth circa £5-25 million.

Provision of company secretarial and group structure advice to a UK Company with subsidiaries in Hong Kong and Czechoslovakia.

Act for Emirates (the state owned airline of the United Arab Emirates) for over 15 years, in respect of their English property requirements.

Act for the subsidiary of a German company in the surrender of their existing premises lease and writing a new lease.

Act for Geodis (UK) an operating division wholly owned by the French state owned SNCF.

Act for a range of Danish corporate entities in relation to on-going property sector advice.

Private Client

Acted for a German National seeking permission to relocate with his English born children to Germany.

Acted for an English father against Hong Kong (Chinese) national mother in relation to their daughter and possible child abduction.

Acted on behalf of a UK wife in registering a UK child maintenance order with the Australian courts, and enforcing the order against the husband who was then based in Australia.

Act as a public notary providing services in relation to documents for use in foreign jurisdictions. This usually involves some form of certification of existing documents but can include preparation of sponsorship documents for visitors to England or other forms of documentation to facilitate business transactions, for example in connection with the purchase of foreign property or marriage in another country.

Core Legal Services

The following listing is indicative of the range and depth of support we can provide. Clients needs inevitably vary and in addition to providing legal support we are able to refer clients to specialist advisers for matters such as real estate transactions, accountancy, corporate finance, personnel and trade specific issues.

Commercial Services

- Company and Commercial – including company law, contractual documentation, trading practice and intellectual property
- Employment Law – including a full outsourced legal support service
- Real Estate
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Commercial Dispute Resolution & Litigation
- Regulatory Matters
- Notary Public

Services for Individuals

- Real Estate transactions
- Family matters
- Trusts, Tax & Estate Management
- Dealings with Police and other Authorities
- Dispute Resolution
- Notary Public

Our offices

BEDFORD

16 St Cuthberts Street
Bedford
Bedfordshire
MK40 3JG

Tel: +44 (0)1234 270600

Fax: +44 (0)1234 357954

BLETCHLEY

125-131 Queensway
Bletchley
Milton Keynes
MK2 2DH

Tel: +44 (0)1908 366333

Fax: +44 (0)1908 644096

CAMBRIDGE

Lockton House
Clarendon Road
Cambridge
CB2 8FH

Tel: +44 (0)1223 411421

Fax: +44 (0)1223 413710

MILTON KEYNES

228 Upper Fifth Street
Regency Court
Milton Keynes
MK9 2HR

Tel: +44 (0)1908 202150

Fax: +44 (0)1908 202152

SANDY

6 Bedford Road
Sandy
Bedfordshire
SG19 1EN

Tel: +44 (0)1767 680251

Fax: +44 (0)1767 691775

To discuss your particular needs please contact either Stephen Oliver or Neil Gibbs.

Stephen Oliver

T: +44 (0)1223 411421

E: soliver@woodfines.co.uk

Neil Gibbs

T: +44 (0)1908 202150

E: ngibbs@woodfines.co.uk



www.woodfines.co.uk

Visit our website for full details of all offices. A list of principals' names is available at each office. Regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority. Woodfines registered office: 16 St Cuthberts Street, Bedford MK40 3JG. Registered No. 0C316334. Woodfines LLP is registered in England & Wales.