



Corporate & Commercial Capability Statement

Supporting business owners through growth, investment and exit.

Building a successful business involves more than day-to-day decision-making. Whether you are buying or selling a company, bringing in investment, or restructuring for growth, the legal framework behind those decisions plays a critical role in protecting value and ensuring transactions run smoothly.

How we support businesses and their clients:

Our corporate and commercial solicitors advise on business sales and acquisitions, investment arrangements, ownership structures, and ongoing commercial matters. We work closely with accountants, tax advisers, and finance professionals to deliver commercially aligned, practical advice at every stage.

Our team's expertise includes:

■ Corporate transactions:

We advise on a wide range of corporate transactions, supporting businesses, shareholders, and investors through key stages of growth, change, and exit.

■ Ownership and governance:

We advise on ownership structures, governance arrangements, and shareholder relationships, helping businesses maintain clarity, control, and compliance as they grow.

■ Commercial structuring and growth:

We support businesses with the commercial arrangements and legal frameworks that underpin day-to-day operations and enable long-term growth.

■ Finance and asset-backed support:

We advise on funding arrangements and security structures, supporting businesses and investors on property-backed lending and wider financing transactions.

Serving businesses across England and Wales

Our corporate and commercial solicitors work together across our offices in Bath, Brighton, Eastbourne, Hastings, London and Ulverston to advise businesses throughout England and Wales. We provide clear, commercially focused legal advice that supports businesses at every stage of their growth.

Our corporate & commercial services:

Whether supporting owner-managed SMEs, growth-stage companies or professional advisers acting for their clients, we provide commercially grounded advice.

Corporate transactions:

- Business sales and acquisitions
- Management buyouts
- Joint ventures
- Corporate restructures
- Share buybacks
- Business asset disposals

Ownership and governance:

- Shareholders' agreements
- Partnership agreements
- Articles of association and constitutional updates
- Director duties and governance
- Director compliance and identity verification
- Director disqualification matters
- Family investment companies

Commercial structuring and growth:

- Commercial contracts and trading terms
- Franchise agreements
- Joint venture arrangements
- SEIS and investment structuring
- Business lasting powers of attorney
- Intellectual property protection and commercialisation

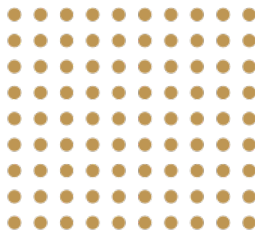
Finance and asset-backed support:

- Real estate finance
- Investment arrangements and security structures
- Secured lending and debenture arrangements

A joined-up commercial approach

Corporate matters rarely exist in isolation. We work closely with our litigation, employment, property, immigration, and regulatory teams to provide coordinated advice across the full lifecycle of a business. This joined-up approach helps identify risks early, protect value, and support informed commercial decision-making.

Speak to our corporate and commercial team



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Hamed is a co-founder and chairman of SO Legal and leads the firm's corporate practice. He advises entrepreneurs, investors, start-ups, and established SMEs on business acquisitions and sales, joint ventures, shareholder agreements, governance, and commercial disputes.

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Stewart advises business leaders on commercial issues including business sales and acquisitions, shareholder agreements, governance, restructuring and growth. He also has experience advising on commercial disputes which affect business relationships and operations. He combines his legal expertise with entrepreneurial insight from the tech sector.

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Bhavini is an experienced commercial litigation solicitor based in our London office at Lincoln's Inn Fields. She advises clients when disputes arise from business relationships, transactions, or governance issues, combining legal strategy with operational insight to help businesses resolve conflicts and plan for long-term success.

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Dylan leads the firm's real estate finance team, advising on property-backed lending and complex transactions. He supports businesses on matters ranging from straightforward purchases and transfers to higher-value and structured finance deals, including bridging finance and portfolio acquisitions.

If you are planning a transaction, reviewing ownership structures, or need ongoing commercial support, speak to our corporate and commercial team. We work closely with business owners, investors, and professional advisers to deliver clear, commercially focused advice.

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