



# Pensions services for law firms

Pensions is a technical and specialist area of law and we recognise that not all full service law firms have a dedicated pensions team.

There may, however, be occasions where pensions are central to a commercial project or dispute - for example, corporate transactions, restructuring or employment-related matters. Equally, there may be occasions when an established client of another law firm asks it to advise on a discrete pensions issue which falls outside of its own areas of expertise - for example, the establishment of a life assurance trust or winding-up of a legacy pension scheme.

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For a number of years, Blake Morgan's Pensions Team have worked with a number of regional and London law firms providing support of this type. We understand that the needs of your client require us to work closely with your lawyers, providing advice and support in a timely and pragmatic way, and in a way that recognises your client relationships.

We aim to build strong, effective relationships with our law firm referrers, understanding your timetables and methods of working so that we fit seamlessly into your client's project plans. At the same time, we recognise that a law firm referrer should retain the client contact and relationship. As such, we ensure that no other lawyer outside of those within our Pensions Team are involved in the work. In our support work, we always prioritise the needs of your law firm and your clients. We believe that relationships with other firms are every bit as important as those with our own clients. As such, we work hard to ensure that you remain confident in the quality of our work, the commerciality of our advice, our sensitivity to costs issues and our ability to deliver advice in a timely and effective way.

We are happy to engage directly with your client, limiting our advice to the specialist pensions area. Alternatively, we are happy to work indirectly through you (in a similar way to how you may instruct counsel) and allow you to present our work to the client as best fits the circumstances.

#### Why work with us?

Our pensions team has significant and wide-ranging experience gained in both top City law firms and leading actuarial and benefit consultancies. This blend means that we can better understand the issues faced by your clients, and so add value in the advice and services we provide.

Our specialist team has been recognised for the strength and depth of their expertise with a tier one ranking in both Chambers and Partners, and Legal 500, the authoritative guides to the legal profession in the UK.

Our expert lawyers provide specialist advice on all aspects of pension law, including:

- Sales and acquisitions - dealing with the pension aspects of corporate disposals and acquisitions including pensions and TUPE
- Regulatory compliance - automatic enrolment, interpretation and drafting of legal documents and agreements
- Scheme restructuring - advice on alterations and winding up, scheme mergers, closures to accrual or new entrants
- Pensions disputes - member complaints, disputes with advisers and administrators or between trustees and employers and including rectification
- Pension benefits - other employee benefits including life assurance, private medical arrangements, long term sickness schemes, share schemes etc.

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