

meet the corporate and commercial team

Our involvement with your business goes beyond just providing safe guidance. Our Corporate and Commercial team want to understand it fully so that we can help you identify and exploit fresh opportunities.



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Geoff trained and qualified with a London firm where he gained experience of a variety of corporate transactions including AIM flotation's and public company takeovers. Geoff's first experience of a corporate transaction was the sale of Wembley Stadium prior to its redevelopment. He currently advises on a range of corporate, commercial and banking matters and has recently completed deals for clients in the engineering, retail, education and healthcare sectors.



Damian Humphrey

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Damian heads up the firm's nationally recognised franchise team, which provides a first class service to many of the countries leading franchise brands. His work involves helping franchisors set up and grow their franchise networks with a particular emphasis on helping franchisors expanding their brands internationally. Damian regularly speaks at franchise industry events (both nationally and internationally) and has been awarded the Qualified Franchise Professional qualification by the British Franchise Association.



James Taring

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James specialises in corporate finance transactions and advising innovative technology companies. He has a wealth of experience in leading corporate transactions and guiding businesses through complex intellectual property, data protection and privacy issues. James also has particular experience within the motorsport industry with clients valuing his detailed understanding of the technical and sporting regulations governing the sport.



Paul Whittingham

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Paul is Head of Business Services at Ashtons Legal and is a member of the Corporate & Commercial team. He has a particular interest in the acquisition and disposal of companies and businesses. He has developed a reputation for putting clients at their ease and pitching the tone of his advice to a range of audiences from the inexperienced to the commercial literates.



Mark Watson

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Mark has experience in leading numerous corporate transactions and in advising on complex commercial arrangements for a range of businesses. This experience includes advising clients on various share and asset mergers, acquisitions and disposals, as well as managing the transactional processes. Mark also regularly advises on shareholders rights and protections, including drafting and negotiating shareholders agreements and investment agreements.



John Chambers

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John has specialised in franchising for over 20 years. His "no nonsense, practical, commercial approach" is appreciated by clients as much as his unrivalled knowledge of the franchising sector. He has worked for two leading international law firms prior to setting up a niche franchise practice in 1998, where he established himself as one of the UK's leading franchise lawyers. He is currently recognised in independent legal directories as a "Senior Statesman" of the industry.

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Tracy has extensive knowledge of franchise matters having worked in the industry for over 20 years. Tracy provides a continuous commercial service to Ashton KCJ clients, specialising principally in franchise resales and providing the franchise agreement service for clients. Her experience and knowledge of the franchising industry is invaluable and provides her clients with continuity and a seamless service. Tracy has been awarded the Qualified Franchise Professional qualification by the British Franchise Association.



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David advises on a range of corporate matters for individuals and businesses including financing, transactions, constitutions, and restructuring. He also has experience assisting clients with their commercial needs, such as suites of contracts for the supply of goods or services, terms and conditions, and distribution and licence agreements.



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Whitney is a Paralegal in our Corporate & Commercial team. She primarily focuses on Company Incorporations and Company Secretarial service, in addition to supporting the team on Corporate Acquisitions and general commercial matters. She is studying to become an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (ACILEX).