

SQUAREONELAW **Round Up**

Winner of Law Firm of the Year

Fastest growing law firm in UK

Marking five years in business

Working with great clients



In five years SQ1 Law has become the fastest growing commercial law firm in the UK

Year on year growth of 35%

2015-16 39% growth

15 Partners

WINNER
CORPORATE TEAM OF THE YEAR
Northern Law Awards 2015

WINNER
LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR
Northern Law Awards 2015 & 2016

WINNER
LITIGATION TEAM OF THE YEAR
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“ What I like about Square One Law is not just the professionalism and range of services, but the high energy they bring to the project. We really enjoy working with James and his team, but I also know I can pick up the phone and speak to Ian at any time on general commercial issues. ”

Geoff Thompson, Utilitywise plc

“ Square One Law has a great team of experienced people who are extremely supportive. I rely on them on the legal side, but they have gone much further, taking a keen interest in all of our projects and really understanding what we are trying to do. ”

Sir Peter Vardy

When we launched Square One Law five years ago our aim was to transform the legal support available to businesses and business people in the North East region.



**Ian Gilthorpe,
Senior Partner**

None of us envisaged that we could establish a strong brand, attract the quality of client and develop a highly ambitious team working with regional, national and international clients in such a short space of time.

It is all about teamwork and being totally focussed on helping our clients continue their success.

There is obviously a great deal of uncertainty around the economy this year and whilst the business continues to perform well, we see this as a year of consolidation, continued focus on service delivery and the development of our people. At the same time we are making a major investment in a new Microsoft Dynamics system which will be the heart of our business.

We are delighted to have been involved in several large projects that provided investment into the region.

James Bryce, head of corporate and commercial, led the experienced team advising the private equity firm Blue Water Energy (BWE) which took a controlling stake in a Stockton-headquartered energy, engineering and process industries business, px Group.

The investment provides px Group with access to capital for further investment, with the company having enjoyed significant growth in recent years. Inward investment of this kind into the region is a sign of confidence in both the oil and gas market and the North East's ability to deliver world class engineering and support services.



“There is an excellent fit between px Group’s business strategy and Blue Water Energy’s expertise and investment model. The investment will significantly enhance px’s ability to take advantage of opportunities available in the current market.”

James Bryce

Another major inward investment in the North East has been made with the completion of the acquisition of GT Group by the international technology leader Knorr-Bremse Group, creating a global centre of excellence for commercial vehicle emission systems in Peterlee.

Munich based Knorr-Bremse, a family owned company, is the world’s leading manufacturer of braking systems for rail and commercial vehicles, with sales totalling almost six billion euros in 2015.

GT Group was founded more than 30 years ago by Geoff Turnbull and currently employs in excess of 250 people, many of whom have spent their entire careers with the business. In addition to its globally respected production facilities and suite of products and services, it also undertakes extensive research and development into new technologies to maintain its position in global markets.

Geoff Turnbull said: “Knorr-Bremse is at the pinnacle of engineering around the world and the perfect custodian for GT Group and the extensive expertise and technologies we have developed.

The support it will provide to GT Group’s established and experienced management team will maintain our trajectory of growth and maximise on new opportunities across international markets.”



“Square One Law played an integral part in the structural planning required to maximise the outcome for the business and the family in the run up to the sale of GT Group. They always gave the right tone of voice in their dealings with the purchaser when negotiating a successful outcome to the sales process.”

Geoff Turnbull, GT Group

Geoff added: “I am exceptionally proud of what we have achieved at GT Group over the last three decades, proving that advanced manufacturing can thrive in the North East, creating sustainable employment and ground breaking technology that is exported around the world.

With the expertise of our workforce and the support of its new owners, I am confident that I am leaving the business in very safe hands.”

GT Group’s advisers on the transaction were Ian Gilthorpe and Mark Lazenby from Square One Law.

Some highlights of the year:

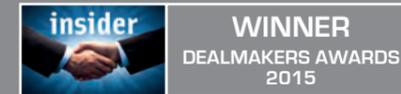
- Supporting Shield Therapeutics in AIM listing
- Continuing to work on significant projects with long term clients such as Able, Shepherd Offshore, Landid, Highbridge Properties, Lanchester Wines, Utilitywise plc and Ringtons (to name but a few!)
- Supporting an increasing number of clients with their succession planning
- Analysis of recently published ‘Top 200’ legal firms in the UK revealed, that aside from mergers, no commercial firm could match the rate of organic growth of Square One Law

A law firm that helps businesses at every stage of their growth

22 deals over
£500,000 with
a value of
£290m



18 deals each
with a
value under
£500,000



Winner
Insider Deal Makers
corporate law firm
of the year 2014,
2015 and
runner up 2016



Some examples of our work:



Shepherd Offshore

LANDID



VARDY GROUP OF COMPANIES



AQUALISA



MARICK

THARSUS



BROCKTON
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PROPERTY

Wylam Brewery Ltd restores the former Palace of Arts

The £1.8 million restoration of the iconic former Palace of Arts in Newcastle's Exhibition Park, and subsequent relocation of Wylam Brewery Limited to the site has been one of the city's most interesting recent developments.

Having remained almost derelict for nearly a decade the building is now a fully operational 30 tap brewery as well as a bar, kitchen and Grand Hall which plays host to live music, weddings and events.

Wylam Brewery director Rob Cameron said "When we heard the site was potentially available we knew we couldn't let the opportunity to make it the home of Wylam Brewery go past. We were literally going to bring brewing back to Newcastle city centre which was a very exciting prospect."



Market Overview

The property team has created significant growth over the past year and has completed an increased level and value of transactions, on a regional and national scale. This has been on the back of an increase in development work for clients mainly in the industrial and office sectors.



Barney Frith

Our team has also seen a significant expansion in the work coming in from our residential developer clients which, in part, is a result of them taking advantage of earlier Government changes in planning laws to secure planning permission on a Permitted Development basis to convert office buildings to residential use.

On the back of a number of successes we have further increased our team and are now able to provide additional expertise in areas such as healthcare, education and retail.

Looking forward, whilst many potential inward investors are drawing breath because of the uncertainty arising from the referendum result and putting transactions on hold, others are seeing it as an opportunity to expand their portfolios by taking advantage of dropping prices and the weaker pound. In addition, funding into bricks and mortar traditionally provided by the high street banks is being made more widely accessible with the creation of private property funds.

This growing area should assist clients in the creation of further opportunities, particularly in development schemes.

Sarah Parish



Sarah joined the property team earlier this year as an associate. She deals with general commercial property matters and has a wealth of experience in the healthcare sector specifically acting for GPs and NHS Trusts.

“
Barney and I have worked together for over 24 years, first with Akeler and now Landid. I find him totally reliable and I trust his judgement. He is scrupulously honest, straightforward to deal with and most importantly, he's extremely good at what he does.

When Barney introduced me to the partners at Square One Law what impressed me most was that they came across as an enthusiastic and like-minded team.”

Trevor Silver, Landid

FINANCE

The past 12 months have seen continued support provided to businesses by the established high street banks, together with further traction in the market achieved by the challenger banks and alternative finance providers, including facilities provided by private syndicates and peer-to-peer lending.

It has been very encouraging to see that high street banks operating locally have been able to continue to support our businesses in the region. Despite the impending implementation of banking reform across the sector, the banks have demonstrated they remain open for business.

We have enjoyed being able to support our longstanding client, Santander, in the growth of its business both inside and outside the North East over the last year across a variety of sectors from real estate investment, healthcare and leisure, to contracting and manufacturing. Our team looks forward to being able to continue to support them over the next year with some of the exciting projects they are involved in. We believe once finalised they will be of great benefit to our regional economy.

In terms of challenger banks it is great to see that the North East is likely to be playing a major role in the future development of the banking sector, not least with Durham based digital bank Atom. Having advised Atom on its first commercial lend via its digital platform in July, we are delighted its business model is thriving.

Square One Law's relationship has developed with Atom since the bank's inception and we have assisted on the purchase of Grasp (UK) Ltd, to enhance its customer experience innovation through the use of specialist technology pioneered in the video game industry.

It looks certain that moving forwards the sector will continue to place a significant amount of focus on the development of mobile technologies. The presumption being that such developments will continue at a rapid rate to supplement apps such as Apple Pay and Android Pay, together with the new platforms that are being developed by the digital only challenger banks. Developers of such technologies will no doubt be hoping that public and business customers alike will wonder how did we ever survive without such mobile services?



Helen Warren, Mark Lazenby and Michael Shuker

EMPLOYMENT

We have worked with a large number of exporters of both goods and services to establish their routes to foreign markets by creating representative and branch offices and advising on a range of other commercial solutions. Aside from extending their networks throughout Europe, our experienced team has managed a number of clients' interests in both North and South America and the Pacific Rim.

We have advised on a number of executive board-level departures from a range of organisations. These projects always require a swift, clear response to minimise disruption. Ultimately clients require their leadership to deliver growth. We have significant experience of working with a variety of businesses to achieve this by developing their culture and employee engagement whilst also managing performance and, where appropriate, we have implemented exit strategies.

Our immigration practice has continued to flourish and our senior team has continued to support a number of businesses and sports people with their residency and work status.

Our team has increased in size and we have welcomed senior lawyers Adrian Maitra and Susie Das. Previously a specialist employment barrister, Adrian has over 17 years' experience of advising private and public sector employers, trade unions and employees on all aspects of employment

law and other employment relations issues. Susie has experience of advising national and owner-managed businesses on a wide range of employment issues. She was previously with Pinsent Masons in Leeds.



Jean-Pierre van Zyl, Adrian Maitra, Alex Clark, Susie Das, Roisin Patton, Eleanor Wilkinson

EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

As business owners look to improve productivity, one area where HR professionals can add value to an organisation is to improve employee engagement.

At our well attended seminar on "How to align HR and Marketing to improve employee engagement and productivity," the audience participated in an exercise to discuss the benefits of introducing guidelines around behaviours to aid leadership.

The principles of leadership:

- Treat your people right
- Do the right thing
- Inspire others
- Encourage initiative and innovation
- Communicate with your team



Projects we have undertaken over the last year include:

- The expansion of a pharmaceutical company across Europe as well as developing its presence in Egypt, Nigeria and South Korea
- Advising a North East based plc on the exit of its HR Director and European Managing Director
- A collective redundancy exercise of senior country managers based in the UK, USA, Spain, Germany, the Netherlands and Singapore
- Defending a financial institution in tribunal claims of unfair dismissal, sex discrimination, harassment on the grounds of sex and whistleblowing brought by a main board director
- Undertaking a change to employment terms and conditions of a U.S. based manufacturing company across China, Singapore, India, Italy, Belgium and the Philippines
- Advising a local plc on breaches of restrictive covenants and injunctive relief relating to a large team move to a competitor
- Advising a North East based construction company on a collective redundancy exercise

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JP and Eleanor provided a really bespoke service, project managing an international employment law concern on our behalf – the timeliness and depth of the advice was excellent, including the continuing aftercare support.

The Square One Law employment team has been an excellent sounding board during a period of great change – they have embraced the unique circumstances we find ourselves in and have been instrumental in a smooth transition offering creative employment law solutions.

**Stephanie Walker,
Studsvik UK Ltd**

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Square One Law has advised us on a range of employment issues, and have always offered sound legal advice coupled with pragmatic solutions.

The team is very flexible and responsive and has always quickly turned things around to provide the advice and support we require. I would have no hesitation in recommending the Square One Law employment team.

**Tracey Wilson,
Komatsu UK Limited**

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Square One Law is our first and only choice for employment law and legal advice. Having spent significant time and money on legal counsel over the years we found ourselves left wanting better.

JP and the employment team at Square One Law have taken on every challenge we have given them and delivered effective contractual, taxation and legal positions to move our business forward in domestic and international working environments.

**Andrew McFarlane,
Mactech Engineering and Inspection**

WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY

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It was imperative to complete the transaction to a strict timetable to ensure we could utilise the resources the site offers before the current harvest. The diligence and tenacity shown by the team (led by James Bryce) at Square One Law was second to none and ensured we could get this deal across the line in time.

”

**Doug Gray,
GrainCo Ltd**

“

We have been helped through complex deals by Square One Law and we really value their expert input and total commitment to our success.

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**Adrian Hill,
Highbridge Properties**

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We have been, and continue to be, impressed with Square One Law's professionalism and commercially practical approach in enabling us to manage any legal issues domestically and internationally facing the business. Square One Law has a wealth of knowledge and a personal and efficient communication style with us as a client. They understand the importance and urgency of the issues facing our business. We would highly recommend working with them.

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**Chloe Hopper,
Soil Machine Dynamics
Limited**

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What makes Square One Law different I think, is their approach to their clients. It's a lot more personal, they keep in touch with you even when there's no business to be had. They also think differently. A lot of professional companies literally look at you as somebody that they can make money out of at that particular point in time, whereas with Square One Law I think there's a relationship on our business side as well as on personal finance and personal advice. I'm delighted that we're able to get all of that from one firm.

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**Nigel Mills,
The Lakes Distillery**

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It is important to have a strong and trusted team of professional advisers. That is why I use Square One Law.

”

**Peter Stephenson,
Able UK**

“

We've worked with Square One Law across our business from the start. They understand our proposition and can deliver in terms of us achieving quick turnaround times for our customer base, which will promote new benchmarks for the industry.

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**Stephen Pratt,
Atom Bank**

Family businesses share their experience with business audience

Earlier this year Square One Law organised an event for high profile businessmen and women, to listen to the families behind the Reg Vardy motor dealership chain, Black Sheep Brewery and Ringtons, who shared their experiences and views on what sets a successful family business apart.



Peter Vardy, Daniel Smith, Ringtons. Richard Vardy, Nigel Smith, Ringtons. Mark Eastwood, Santander. Alan Fletcher, SQ1 Law. Graham Robb, Recognition PR. Sir Peter Vardy. Rob Theakston, Black Sheep Brewery. Jo Theakston, Black Sheep Brewery.

Sir Peter Vardy explained how important it is to let the next generation find their own strengths and passions before joining the business and both his sons, Richard and Peter, detailed how they developed their careers, their experience working in the business and how they have set up their own business ventures.

Brothers, Rob and Jo Theakston, of Black Sheep Brewery in Masham, North Yorkshire, spoke about how they both embarked on careers away from the family business, but were drawn back to continue applying new

and innovative methods they had acquired, in other parts of the brewing industry.

Nigel Smith, Chairman of Ringtons, discussed the importance of maintaining a balanced structure between family and the business and how useful a family guide, written with help from Ian Gilthorpe, has been over the years. He remembered entering the business about the same age as his nephew, Daniel Smith, and he explained the training and international travel involved with being a tea buyer.

Alan Fletcher, said: "Family and owner managed businesses are the lifeblood of the North East economy and advising them is a particular strength of Square One Law. The frontline stories from these three high profile families demonstrated their entrepreneurial drive, passion and determination. The feedback from the evening was excellent and demonstrated how fascinating their stories were. We were delighted that they were prepared to share their experiences, good and bad, and it was interesting to listen to how they managed to keep family life and business life separate."

Litigation and Dispute Resolution Team of the Year 2016

Our litigation team can draw on a wealth of senior lawyers and we are the only team in the North East to offer contentious competition law and State aid advice.

The team acts for a wide range of clients across a variety of sectors, including manufacturing, finance, transport, energy, sports, education and technology, media and telecommunications.

“ Gillian is tenacious, diligent and very determined. In addition, and what I particularly welcome, is the fact that she is fully prepared to challenge the view of the client and to make a firm recommendation rather than just sit back and react to a client's aspiration – certainly an example for others to follow. ”

Peter Stephenson, Able UK

- The team successfully defended a multi-million pound claim in relation to alleged breach of trust in connection with the disposal of an international property investment
- Acted successfully for the Claimant in judicial review proceedings on State aid grounds and an EU procurement claim under the PCR 2006
- Acted in a high number of shareholder and partnership disputes (including law firms and accountancy practices) which have required sensitive and highly professional handling
- Acted as part of the team with other professionals in the handling and disposal of an HMRC tax investigation for £22m



“ Square One Law has had an outstanding year. We were recently awarded “Litigation and Dispute Resolution Team of the Year” at the Northern Law Awards. ”

I am delighted the judges recognised the experience and achievements of our team. We have advised major clients and have successfully conducted noteworthy cases extending beyond the reaches of the region. ”

Gillian Tatt, head of Litigation



Hayley Anderson, Guy Barr and Rachael Cooper

- Represented a multi-national Transport Group in filing an action against a national Government before the European Court of Human Rights for multiple breaches of the Human Rights Convention including the right to peaceful enjoyment of property, proportionality and the right to a fair trial
- Represented syndicates of high net worth investors in respect of multi-million pound professional negligence and financial services claims
- Advised on and obtained a multi-million pound determination in respect of a contractual property dispute
- Challenged the award of a concession relating to the exploitation of services at a commercial harbour area

Competition law and State aid

We offer a ‘full service’ EU and competition law capability, covering all aspects of UK and EU competition law and have advised all types of clients, from SMEs to FTSE 100 listed companies, achieving excellent outcomes for our clients in what are often very challenging cases.



We also have extensive experience of assisting state bodies with State aid and competition law issues and have acted for central and local Government and numerous third sector and not-for-profit organisations. Our niche practice also deals with complex EU structural funding issues.

Our EU and competition experience includes:

- An international transport group in an emergency injunction for declaratory relief against the misuse of Bylaws by a national airport
- Acting on the creation of a multi-million pound public/private access to finance fund to assist regional SMEs, following a successful panel appointment to tender
- Sheffield Taxis on the first ever Competition and Markets Authority merger investigation into the taxi/private hire marketplace
- Advising on State aid compliance for major infrastructure projects

“ I knew Neil would own the case from the moment I first spoke to him. ”

Arnie Singh, Sheffield City Taxis



BREXIT



The first areas businesses should focus on ahead of exiting the EU

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| Review of major contracts | Supply chains | Employing EU nationals or seconding people to the EU |
| Not seeing eye-to-eye with your overseas supplier or purchaser | Currency issues and funding requirements | Competition law |
| Energy | Property development | State aid and procurement |

For more information please visit www.squareonelaw.com/brexit

ENTREPRENEURS



Alan Fletcher with Tony and Veronica Cleary of Lanchester Wines.

“
What we like about the firm is that they understand our business, are able to offer advice for all our business needs and the team shows a personal involvement in developing long term relationships.
 ”

**Tony Cleary,
 Lanchester Wines**

“
Square One Law was key to ensuring a good outcome for our family and in driving the momentum of our deal as we were working within a short timescale. We were kept informed at all stages of the transaction and were aware what was expected of us in order to keep the deal moving along.
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The team worked seamlessly with our other advisers KPMG and Tait Walker and we hope to work with Square One Law again soon.

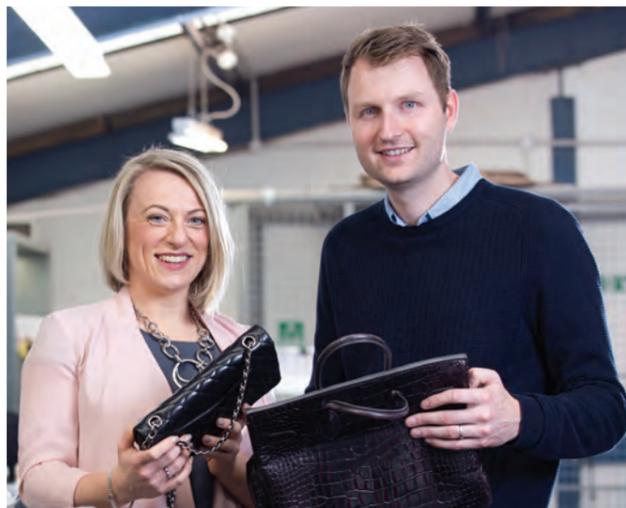
**Sanjeev Vadhera,
 North East Convenience Stores**



Nicholas Broadhead, KPMG, Rod Wilkinson, KPMG, Sanjeev Vadhera, NECS, Naveen Vadhera, NECS, Marie-Louise Bozonet, Square One Law.

“
What I like about Square One Law is that they are very easy to work with and extremely commercial rather than just my legal advisers. I can ring up any time and get advice on any area concerning the business. Whether it's James Bryce in corporate or Helen Warren in property, the whole team is reliable and acts quickly. Consequently, I've built up a really good working relationship with them.
 ”

**Ben Staerck,
 Furniture Clinic and Handbag Clinic**



Helen Warren, Square One Law with Ben Staerck, Managing Director of Furniture Clinic and Handbag Clinic.

ENERGY



Shaping the future of the energy sector

With instability and change come challenges and opportunities. The energy industry has seen both these in equal measure recently, with the overriding challenges being presented by continued volatility in the oil price and uncertainty following the vote to leave the European Union, as well as changes to the renewables regime.

The energy industry continues to evolve at a rapid pace to meet the challenges of rising energy demand, security of supply and a changing regulatory market. The roles of power generation

and transmission, and the need for energy efficiency, have never been more important in providing competitive solutions to meet these challenges. With new markets and technologies emerging, the supply chain needs to evolve and develop to keep pace with these ongoing challenges.

The next 12 months will see Square One Law playing a key role in shaping the region's Northern Energy Strategy by becoming involved in a year-long research project being launched and run by thinktank IPPR North.



James Bryce

Examples of our clients and experience in the energy sector:

- Able UK on a range of decommissioning projects and the assembly of the Marine Energy Park on the Humber
- Zero Carbon Futures on the establishment of networks of quick chargers to support electric vehicle charging
- UK Sustainable Energy on the development and sale of ground based solar projects
- Utilitywise plc on the acquisitions of t-mac Technologies, Aquas Veritas, Clouds Environmental Consultancy and ICON Communication Centres
- Advanced Industrial Solutions on a number of projects to facilitate growth in the supply of training to the oil & gas and renewable industries
- Blue Water Energy on the acquisition of a majority stake in px Group
- The renewable energy division of Lanchester Wine Cellars in the procurement and erection of a wind turbine on site and leasing arrangements in respect of further turbines
- Shepherd Offshore on the development of both the Offshore Technology Park and Neptune National Centre for Subsea and Offshore Engineering

COMMERCIAL

Intellectual Property and Information Technology



International lawyer, Helen Brain, joins the firm as a commercial partner.

The appointment sees her return from the United Arab Emirates, where she has been working for the Government of Dubai Legal Affairs Department with the Government Contracts and Agreements Directorate.

The North East has a thriving technology and pharmaceuticals industry and we are seeing many of our clients become increasingly sophisticated buyers of IT. Helen's skill set and unrivalled knowledge in this area will add another dimension to our commercial offering.

One of the areas Helen will be focussing on is advising businesses on important changes to data protection legislation in the UK and across Europe, and navigating changes in intellectual property rights protection in the light of the Referendum outcome.

Key considerations for companies following the expected changes in intellectual property registration include budgeting for additional costs of securing separate UK registrations of Community Trade Marks and registered designs. Preparations for changes in companies' policies and practices should also be made for expected changes to data protection rules which are likely to be implemented in the next two years. These changes are expected to include mandatory reporting of data breaches, enhanced individual protection and access requests, as well as significant fines for data protection breaches (up to 4% of global turnover).

Early preparations to ensure businesses have the appropriate protection will be essential to avoid loss of rights and unnecessary costs to businesses. Other issues Helen will be considering with clients in the coming months will be reviewing ongoing contractual relationships likely to be affected by Brexit and ensuring that prospective contracts take full account of the relevant aspects arising from the predicted effects of Brexit.

Brexit will create significant IP and IT related challenges for North East businesses, including:

- Commercial relationships across supply and distribution chains changing, especially those who have longstanding supply contracts
- The need for essential upgrading of IT security for the secure storage of employee and customer information
- Brexit will see the UK lose control of reform of EU laws on copyright and further plans for e-Privacy reform in Europe
- Existing community registrations for trade marks may simply cease to provide protection for the UK, leaving owners to apply for equivalent protection in the UK

Supporting the local community

Square One Law is delighted to continue to support the Maggie's Centre at the Freeman Hospital that offers free practical, emotional and social support to people with cancer and their families and friends. The firm supports a range of charities and this year has set up its own fund with the Community Foundation.

The charity committee will administer the fund, focussing on local causes that are lower profile and require more support.

One of the great benefits of the Community Foundation is the diversity of causes it is able to support. The impact even small donations can make is significant.

The Community Foundation is one of the largest of its kind in Europe and has donated over £100 million to worthwhile causes to date, making it an integral part of the North East.

Recently, our partner Neil Warwick became a trustee of the Community Foundation.



Tania Ross, Neil Warwick, Camilla James, Ashraf Ali, Charlotte Branch

Square One Law pledges support for children's literacy in the region

Seven Stories is the first and only museum in the UK wholly dedicated to the art of British children's books. It is recognised as the national home for children's literature, and brings together original manuscripts and illustrations from some of the nation's best loved children's books, to excite visitors in an exploration of creativity, literature and art.



Elizabeth Hammill OBE and corporate partner John Hammill

Partner, John Hammill said: "I'm delighted the firm is supporting this fantastic resource we have for children in the North East. As my mother was a co-founder, I fully understand the power and potential of children's books and reading to unlock the world for children at a personal, social and emotional level."

Initiator and co-founder of Seven Stories, Elizabeth Hammill, OBE, said: "I came to England from a family of writers, publishers and book lovers. As an educator and children's bookseller working to connect children with books and their authors and illustrators, I soon discovered that the original papers of many British artists were disappearing into collections abroad in the absence of any dedicated collection here.

I wanted to create a home for this invaluable resource here in the UK - one that could become a kind of National Gallery of Children's Literature. From first idea to fruition took some twenty years. Support from local businesses is extremely important so I'm delighted that Square One Law has become a corporate member."

PRIVATE CLIENT

Providing simple solutions to complex challenges

At Square One Law we appreciate the complexity of wealth management, succession planning and protection of assets.

Whether you require advice on tax-related guidance, philanthropy, the transfer of assets to the next generation or family matters, including divorce litigation, we have an experienced team who will guide you smoothly through the process.



Specialist Lawyers

As a team we listen to our clients before making suggestions and guide them through the structuring process every step of the way. We always view the interests of the clients practically and look to align personal, family and business needs, always finding the most commercially sensible solutions.

Camilla James Head of Private Client

Camilla is a private client lawyer with a difference: with a background in tax advisory work, gained at EY in London, her experience in complex family succession issues and estate planning is unrivalled in the North East.

Her ability to understand and help manage multi-generation family arrangements and provide solution driven advice means her support to families and entrepreneurs is invaluable.



Robin Winskell Consultant

Robin is a highly experienced private client lawyer and is a trusted adviser to numerous high net worth individuals, entrepreneurs and family businesses.

He specialises in succession planning, matrimonial issues and financial settlements.



Succession planning

Another distinctive feature that sets our Private Client team apart is access to three very experienced business lawyers, Alan Fletcher, Andrew Hoyle and Ian Gilthorpe.

They all have a proven track record of giving practical and commercial solutions to entrepreneurs and owner-managed business owners surrounding their business interests, including succession and restructuring advice. All three are renowned for their ability to help clients identify a preferred strategy. This may involve working closely with family businesses on corporate governance issues to ensure that the business objectives and ethos are passed down the generations or helping prepare for exit.



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