

# **LONDON**

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Located in one of the world's key financial, business and commercial property centres, our London office is home to nearly 700 lawyers who act on complex projects for over 30 FTSE 100 companies and more than 50 Global Fortune 500 companies, providing quality, full-service legal advice in the City, throughout the UK and worldwide.

Those cross-border projects, touching 130 countries, are delivered in close co-ordination with our other offices around the globe, and via a network of over 100 market-leading law firms in jurisdictions throughout the world.

Our legal work for clients in many areas has seen our firm become a top twenty law firm by London revenues. Areas such as:

- Real Estate
- Finance
- Corporate Finance
- Dispute Resolution
- Tax
- Regulatory
- Commercial
- Employment
- Competition
- Restructuring

Energy and many more disciplines

#### COMMUNITY

In London, we work with a number of schools, colleges and not-for-profit organisations to provide opportunities, skills training and advice to young people from age 5 to 18 aimed at raising aspirations, giving the students an insight into the world of work and helping them to develop essential skills.

We have since 2007 been working with Manor Stratford Primary, a school in one of the city's most disadvantaged boroughs, including running a weekly volunteer reading scheme, annual 'world of work' days at our office, sponsoring and helping to deliver an enterprise programme and helping to subsidise the cost of school trips.

Career Kick Start is our annual two week social mobility work experience programme, designed to provide 20 Year 12 students (aged 16-17) from non-advantaged backgrounds with a detailed understanding of life as a commercial lawyer. The first week of the programme is spent at BCLP in a mix of work shadowing, skills workshops and insight sessions. The second week is run in partnership with the Social Mobility Business Partnership, and the students participate in a series of one-day insight days, each hosted by a different BCLP client. We pay all participants the London Living Wage for the duration of the programme.

We are members of Young Enterprise, the UK's leading business and enterprise education charity. We host the annual regional finals of their flagship Companies Programme and volunteers from BCLP and our clients also volunteer to help deliver Young Enterprise programmes in schools and colleges, including CV and interview skills masterclasses.

We are long term supporters of East End Community Foundation, and are one of the funders of EECF's Life Chances Fund, an innovative multi-borough giving scheme that funds frontline organisations and community groups to provide essential support to enrich the lives of residents across the East End.

In our UK offices, we run regular Donate Our Time ("DOT") days, combining workgroup teambuilding with volunteering in the community, in a variety of ways - including working with food poverty charities and creating and maintaining community open spaces. We are always happy to organise joint BCLP/client DOT days.

We have an active charity fundraising programme. Through an internal nomination and selection process, our UK offices choose a charity to support each year. For 2025, our UK charity of the year is Pancreatic Cancer UK, supporting anyone affected by pancreatic cancer, whether it is before, during or after a diagnosis, through treatment or support during end-of-life care. They also fund important world leading research, such as detection tests and cancer-killing therapies, and campaign to

spread awareness about this disease, for faster and more accurate diagnosis and treatment. In addition to running events and challenges in aid of our Charity of the Year, we also run fundraising events and collections in kind for other charities, tackling issues such as access to justice and food poverty.

#### MEET THE TEAM



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The Government (through Deputy PM Angela Rayner) introduced the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill into the Commons on 10 July. Amongst other matters the Bill seeks to reignite a Labour policy last seen at the turn of the century - a ban on upwards only rent review mechanisms in commercial leases. We've taken a look at what this would mean for the real estate market.

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Publication of the new 10-year Infrastructure Strategy and 10-Year Industrial Strategy in June meant two more manifesto commitments could be ticked off before the end of the government's first year in office. This blog

concentrates on the Infrastructure Strategy and discusses the 'new approach' to improve infrastructure delivery and the role of planning.

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### Takeover Panel consultation and new practice statements

The Takeover Panel has published a consultation paper on dual class share structures, IPOs and share buybacks. The proposed amendments to the Takeover Code clarify how the mandatory offer requirements apply to a company with a dual class share structure when a shareholder's percentage of voting is increased as a consequence of a trigger event. Comments on the consultation paper should be made by 26 September 2025. Any changes will come into effect in Q1 2026. The Panel has also published two new Practice Statements on (i) profit forecasts, quantified financial benefits statements and investment research and (ii) unlisted share alternatives.

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## The long-awaited FCA paper on non-financial misconduct – was it worth the wait?

On 2 July 2025, the FCA published a further consultation paper on "tackling non-financial misconduct in financial services". The industry has been eagerly awaiting publication of this paper, in the hope that it will address the current lack of clarity resulting from the tension between the total lack of guidance about non-financial misconduct currently in the FCA's handbook, and the regulator's regular assertions that non-financial misconduct is relevant to individuals' fitness and propriety and their Individual Conduct Rules compliance. The consultation paper, unconventionally, includes a short policy statement in which completed rule changes are published, as well as revised draft Handbook guidance (for consultation and feedback) concerning non-financial misconduct. This draft Handbook guidance replaces the draft guidance previously published in September 2023, in CP 23/20.

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