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BIOGRAPHY

- 23+ years' experience working with clients based in the UK, US, Middle East and the Far East.
- Dealing with all aspects of commercial property, including office, retail, industrial, hotel and residential investment and development.
- Focused on managing the real estate teams for the buying, selling and redevelopment of properties.
- Advising on high-rise residential property, particularly in developing student accommodation.
- Acting for corporate occupiers on their global head office requirements

- Clients range from domestic and foreign investors, developers, property companies, corporate occupiers to institutions and funders.
- Recommended in Legal 500 and Chambers.
- Memberships include the British Council of Office (BCO).

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Student Accommodation
- Logistics & Industrial

ADMISSIONS

- England and Wales

RELATED CAPABILITIES

- Real Estate
- Student Accommodation
- Financial Institutions
- Logistics & Industrial
- Commercial Real Estate
- Finance

EXPERIENCE

- Advising **BlackRock** as relationship partner, running a large cross-firm team of real estate sector lawyers comprising core real estate, tax, construction, planning and environmental, corporate, real estate finance, real estate dispute resolution and employment for the BlackRock Group, the largest asset manager in the world, including:
 - on the purchase, forward funding and debt financing of a site in Norwich for development into student housing.

- on the acquisition of a portfolio of properties in excess of £100m to establish the new Long Lease Portfolio.
- on the acquisition of eight student accommodation buildings (standing investments or sites for development)
- Advised **Goldman Sachs**, the leading US-based global investment bank, on the acquisition, debt financing and sale of a significant logistics portfolio.
- Advised **Morgan Stanley** on the acquisition and subsequent sale of a logistics portfolio.
- Advised **Zetland Capital Partners LLP**, a London based private equity firm, on the acquisition by funds managed by Zetland of the units in The Bingo Unit Trust, a Guernsey Property Unit Trust holding, 37 properties leased to Buzz Bingo (30 English properties and 7 Scottish properties).
- Advised **LBS Properties**, a property investment and development company, on their acquisition of 135 Park Street from Lasalle Investment Management in a joint venture with Barings.
- Advised **Tikeau/Areli** on the purchase of the Nicholson's Centre, Maidenhead. Advising on their redevelopment strategy and the vision for this regeneration scheme, including negotiating a land swap agreement and development agreement with the local authority and dealing with all transactions required to implement a vacant possession strategy alongside tenants, neighbouring owners and the local authority.
- Advised **Angle Properties** on the acquisition development and sale of numerous sites across the South East of the United Kingdom.
- Advised **BAE Systems Pensions** on the acquisition of a hotel as part of the UK airport development.

RELATED INSIGHTS

News

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BCLP advises Sixth Street's logistics joint venture with Copley Point Capital on five logistics property acquisition from Barings

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News

Dec 16, 2021

BCLP advises Zetland Capital Partners on acquisition of Bingo Hall Portfolio

International law firm BCLP advised Zetland Capital Partners LLP (Zetland), a London based Private Equity firm, on the acquisition of a portfolio of 37 bingo halls leased to Buzz Bingo.

Awards

October 5, 2021

Legal 500 UK 2022