



# Our Partnership Team

# About us

**W**inckworth Sherwood is one of the few City law firms with a dedicated Partnership team. Our multi-disciplinary team spans our employment and commercial and corporate practices, combining the insights of our highly experienced lawyers to provide astute, pragmatic and commercial advice to LLPs and traditional partnerships, as well as to individual partners. We also have significant expertise in advising leading partnerships on joint ventures and regulatory matters.

Our team are recognised as leading practitioners in this area and we are ranked in the legal directories, Chambers & Partners and Legal 500 . We regularly advise law firms, accountancy practices, patent attorneys, surveyors and architects.

A further core focus of our practice is advising firms from the financial services sector including private equity and hedge funds, institutional funds and real estate funds, trading platforms and brokers. Our financial services clients benefit from our unique ability to provide a comprehensive service, covering specialist regulatory advice as well as corporate advice on carried interest and related remuneration structures.



*"The team are experts in their field. They are quick to answer queries and questions and provide solutions to issues as they arise, and very collaborative."*

**The Legal 500 2022**

*"They are very strong, very quick to respond and very pragmatic. They do not give cookie-cutter advice."*

**Chambers and Partners 2022**

*"Extremely focused on this area of law, showing great depth of expertise and experience, accompanied by a very practical and applied approach."*

**The Legal 500 2022**

*"The whole team are hugely knowledgeable and collaborative."*

**The Legal 500 2022**

# Our expertise

We will take the time to get to know your firm, its culture and its commercial drivers and dynamics. We provide commercial and practical advice and will recommend the best tactical approach for you, taking account of your key objectives. Our clients include individual partners/LLP members as well as firms and partnerships which we feel gives us insight and a particular strategic advantage when negotiating terms and determining tactics to secure the best outcome for our clients.

## OUR AREAS OF PARTNERSHIP EXPERTISE

We regularly advise on the following areas:

- setting up or joining a partnership
- the rights and obligations of partners
- conduct issues and internal investigations (including bullying and sexual harassment)
- partner exits and expulsions
- discrimination and whistleblowing claims
- profit sharing and de-equitisation
- mergers, acquisitions, disposals and demergers
- regulatory advice, including FCA compliance and internal audit
- partner restrictive covenants and top level team moves
- mediation and arbitration proceedings

We offer in-house training to our partnership and LLP clients including in relation to behaviours in light of the #MeToo focus in many sectors at present. We also produce regular briefings to ensure that our clients are kept up-to-date of trends and legal developments.

*A client praises the firm for its "brilliant" service and also says: "The team provides well-rounded advice that goes beyond just telling you what the law says."*

## Chambers and Partners 2022

*"Highly collaborative. Open and transparent approach to everything."*

## The Legal 500 2022



# Our core team



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