



Our Partnership Team

About us

Winckworth 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 has some very experienced and knowledgeable partnership lawyers who deliver fantastic client service. They are great at the law and strategy but are also lovely people to work with and extremely collaborative."

The Legal 500 2025

"Winckworth Sherwood are specialists in their field, they know the area well."

Chambers and Partners 2025

"Winckworth Sherwood have an enviable reputation in dealing with law firms disputes."

The Legal 500 2025

"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 highly effective and professional employment department. The team has highly experienced partnership practitioners (at partner and associate levels) with particular expertise in dealing with complex partnership disputes. They are focused, robust and commercially astute."

The Legal 500 2024

"The team is very good on strategy and calm under pressure. They can handle complex situations very well."

The Legal 500 2024

"There is no area of partnership law that the team does not know thoroughly."

Chambers and Partners 2024

"The team has depth of experience in partnership and employment disputes, especially in the professional services and financial services sectors."

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