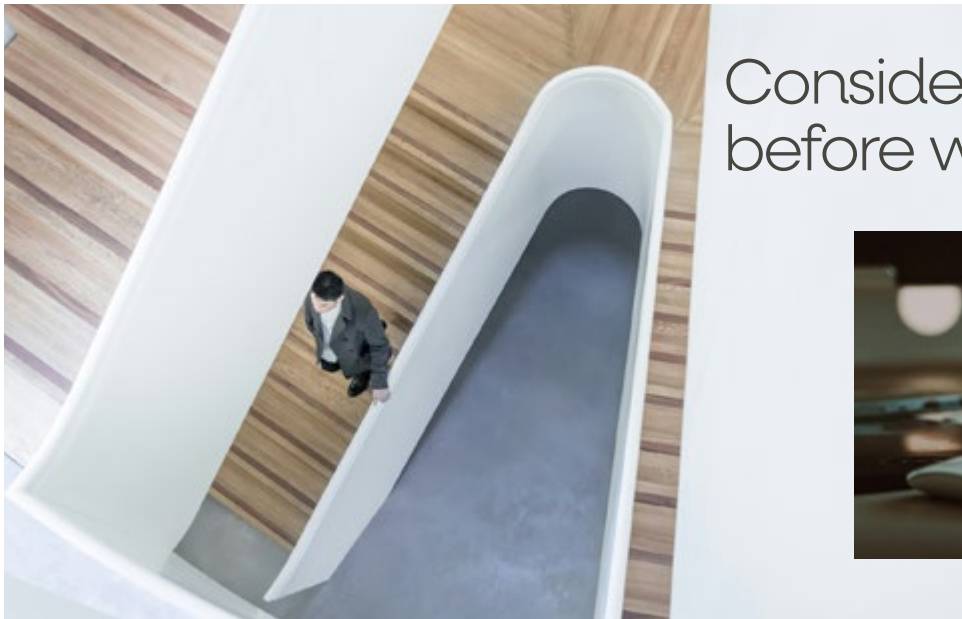


Corporate Law



Considering the end
before we begin



We are a forward thinking firm, built on a foundation of traditional values. Over the years we've become the go to practice for hundreds of businesses and our Corporate Team has been ahead of the game since day one. Whatever your transaction, we focus on creating and executing a clear strategy to achieve your desired outcomes, supporting you every step of the way.

Our team is known for advising on equity investments with a client-centric approach. Led by Martyn Tennant, a highly experienced corporate M&A expert, we are equipped with a wealth of industry insight.

Alex Wilby, is highly specialised in private equity and venture capital advising on complex investment structures. Craig Malarkey regularly advises SME clients on share and asset sales, acquisitions, corporate restructurings, and management buy-outs.



Our services are tailored to meet your needs, including:

- Business Startups
- Corporate Finance
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Banking and Finance
- Charities
- Corporate Governance
- Joint Ventures and Shareholder Agreements
- Partnerships and LLPs
- Share Incentive Planning

**Our mission is to help you
determine what success
really looks like**

We combine our friendly approach with a 'let's-get-it-done' attitude to make sure you get the results your business deserves.

Guided by core values

Four words define us:

- **Trust**
- **Care**
- **Collaboration**
- **Agility**

These values have been the foundation of our practice for over 25 years, and remain as relevant today.



Our mission is to care for you as diligently as we handle legal matters, understanding your real needs with an open, accessible, and proactive approach.

We define success alongside our clients, implementing pragmatic strategies to reach shared goals. Our experts bring deep knowledge of all legal aspects of structuring, funding a business—from startup and scaling, to investments or acquisitions, to successful exits.

Alongside our clients, we live and breathe the full lifecycle of a business, including the complexities and opportunities at each development stage.



Experts in our field

Our corporate and commercial team is ranked in the Top Tier of the 2025 edition of The Legal 500 UK, reflecting the quality and consistency of service, as well as our reputation in the wider legal market.

Some highlights of our work include;

- Advised shareholders of Amberstone Security Group Limited on investment by Argenbright Holdings LLC and subsequent acquisition of The Protector Group Limited.
- Advised shareholders of Singletrack Systems Limited on investment by US tech private equity fund AKKR.
- Advised Maven Capital Partners UK LLP on investment in Pragmatic Semiconductor Limited as part of a \$125 million fundraise with co-investors.

**Want to know how we're
the right team for you?**

Call today on **0191 384 2441** or
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Meet your Corporate Law team

The Partners

Martyn Tennant

Partner and Head of the Corporate Team

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Consistently recognised as a leading partner in the Legal 500, "Martyn is an exceptional corporate solicitor. He understands business as well as the law and combines the two brilliantly into clear, concise advice and detailed insight into the deal."

Craig Malarkey

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Craig was named as a Next Generation lawyer in the 2025 edition of the legal 500. "Working with Craig Malarkey is a joy. Craig is very pragmatic and clients find him very friendly and good to work with."

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Named as a Leading partner in the 2025 edition of the legal 500, "Alex is always on hand to offer expert opinion and provide a sounding board, which is invaluable when we are working on a project."

The Team

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Mike is experienced in a broad range of corporate and commercial matters as well as more specialist areas such as software development, intellectual property assignment/licensing and all aspects of e-commerce, including cloud computing.

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Sophie has significant experience across corporate and commercial matters including preparing shareholders' agreements, bespoke articles of association and partnership agreements and reviewing commercial agreements and terms and conditions.

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Rebecca provides advice and assistance in all areas of corporate law, with a primary focus on corporate finance and transactional matters. Rebecca leads and assists on business mergers, joint ventures and business funding.

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Matt has experience in both dispute resolution and corporate and commercial work, including mergers and acquisitions. Matt supports partners and regularly works alongside numerous regional accountants in matters of tax planning and solvent restructuring.

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Ashley qualified into the corporate department in May 2023 and plays a key role within the team, supporting the partners across a variety of restructuring projects.

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Alex qualified into the corporate department in October 2024 and has been an invaluable asset to the team, supporting the partners in respect of transactional matters, particularly mergers and acquisitions and MBOs.

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Lauren joined the firm in October 2021 and is a Paralegal assisting the wider team on a range of corporate and commercial matters including company incorporations, M&A transactions, Company Secretarial services, and the completion of company statutory books and registers.

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