



# Protecting what matters to you.

Bespoke legal services for  
families and individuals.

 **SHAKESPEARE  
MARTINEAU**

Legal advice for life and business

# About Shakespeare Martineau

We are a leading full-service UK law firm, providing legal services to businesses, and organisations of all sizes, families and individuals. We are part of Ampa, a group of professional services companies that offer complementary services.

When life's important moments arise, we're here to guide and support you through every legal aspect. Whether you need assistance managing personal wealth, navigating family matters, or buying and selling property, you can trust our award-winning team to be by your side, ensuring you have the best advice and representation throughout all of life's key milestones.



Being ranked in 63 areas of law by Legal 500, we offer a broad range of expertise and extensive knowledge. Whether your needs are personal or business-related, our highly skilled teams provide tailored solutions, ensuring you receive exceptional support and advice backed by proven experience and commitment.



Celebrating industry awards highlights our commitment to excellence and innovation across the legal sector, demonstrating the quality our services and the trust clients of place in us.



Achieving a 5\* Feefo Platinum service rating underscores our dedication to client satisfaction.



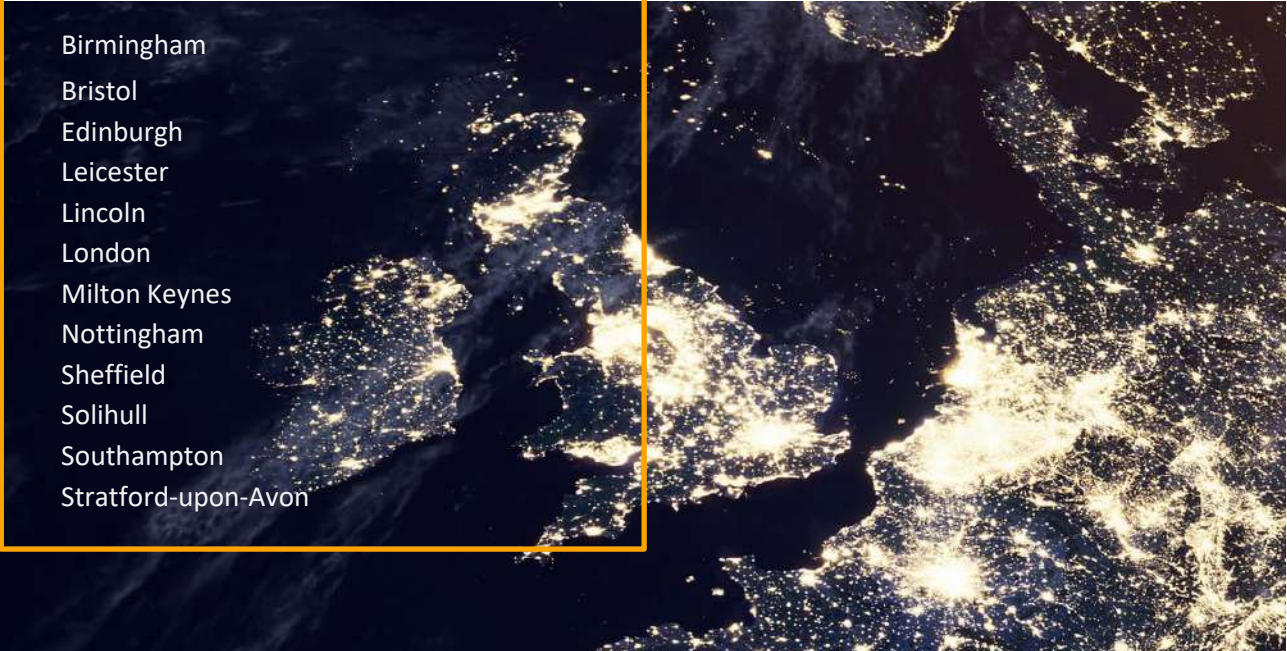
As a STEP Platinum Partner, we uphold the highest standards in trusts and estates practice, ensuring clients receive trusted expertise and exceptional service in estate planning.

Certified



We are one of the largest legal and professional services groups to be a certified B-Corporation. Certified organisations are legally required to consider the impact of business decisions on their people, customers, suppliers, communities and the environment, ensuring a balance between purpose, people and profit.

## Offices across the UK



- Birmingham
- Bristol
- Edinburgh
- Leicester
- Lincoln
- London
- Milton Keynes
- Nottingham
- Sheffield
- Solihull
- Southampton
- Stratford-upon-Avon

# Why choose us

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On paper we are a national full-service law firm, delivering comprehensive legal support to businesses, organisations, families, and individuals throughout every stage of life and business. But we offer you so much more than that.

At the heart of our approach are the relationships we build with our clients. We recognise that every situation is unique, so we take the time to listen to your needs and deliver expert advice with a personal touch tailored for you. By championing our clients and providing exceptional

guidance, we foster and invest in lasting partnerships.

We are your trusted advisors, guiding you through life's opportunities and challenges with confidence.

We work alongside you to achieve your personal goals and ensure your legacy is secured for the future.

As a responsible business, we are dedicated to leveraging our expertise as a force for good, positively impacting people and communities.

## Our values and you

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Our values guide us, shaping our identity as a firm and setting the standard for what you can expect from us.

Every member of our team shares these values and embodies our culture code, which shapes our work, behaviour, and accountability. This commitment to our values is evident in everything we do, ensuring that our clients receive exceptional service

### Authentic

We pride ourselves on being open-minded and confident while valuing diverse perspectives. For our clients, this means you can expect a welcoming environment where your unique needs and viewpoints are understood and respected, fostering trust and meaningful collaboration.

### Collaborative

By sharing knowledge and working together as a cohesive team, we bring our best to every client. This collaboration enhances the quality of our legal services, ensuring that you benefit from a comprehensive approach and a wealth of expertise tailored to your specific needs.

### Trusted

Integrity is paramount for us; we prioritise doing the right thing over the easy thing. Our commitment to trustworthiness means that you can rely on us to deliver honest, straightforward advice and action that aligns with your best interests. Our words and actions consistently reflect our values, providing peace of mind to our clients.

### Brave

We love exploring ideas, pushing boundaries and driving change for the benefit of all. We positively question anything contrary to our culture and our responsibilities and do not shy away from difficult conversations.

### Why this matters to you

Our shared values create a strong foundation for your experience with us. When you choose to work with us, you're not just choosing a law firm; you're partnering with a team that is dedicated to your success, understands your unique circumstances, and is committed to acting in your best interests.

We strive to build lasting relationships based on trust, collaboration, and shared goals, ensuring that you receive the highest quality legal support throughout your journey. Your satisfaction and success are our top priorities, and our values drive us to achieve them together.



# For individuals

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Planning for the future is essential to ensure your wishes are respected and your loved ones are protected. Our comprehensive suite of legal services is designed to provide you with peace of mind, whether you are looking to secure your estate, maximise tax efficiency, or prepare for the unexpected. We understand the complexities of personal and business transitions, and our experienced team is here to guide you through each step. By offering tailored solutions and expert advice, we empower you to make informed decisions that safeguard your assets and ensure your legacy is upheld for generations to come.

#### **Wills and letters of intent**

Giving you the security of knowing your wishes will be met when your estate is administered following your death.

#### **Inheritance and personal tax planning including trusts**

Ensuring your money and assets are protected and working for you in the right and most efficient manner. Specialising in personal tax, we will work with you to maximise tax efficiency and offer bespoke solutions for complex needs.

#### **Family business succession planning**

Helping you plan to safeguard your business for the future while preparing your family for a smooth transition when the time comes to hand over the reins.

#### **Drawing up and registering power of attorney**

Ensuring your personal and financial affairs are taken care of by someone you choose and trust to follow your wishes.

#### **Court of protection and deputyship**

Advising families when it becomes necessary for someone else to take over vital decisions and where applicable our lawyers can act as deputies.

#### **Estate administration**

Advising on the process of managing and distributing a deceased person's assets in line with their will or the rules of intestacy if no will exists. It involves obtaining legal authority (such as probate), paying debts and taxes, and ensuring assets are passed to the rightful beneficiaries.

# For your home and property

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Buying or selling a home can be an exciting and challenging journey, filled with both opportunities and stresses. We understand that the demands of the residential property market require expert guidance and support.

That's why we are dedicated to making the process as seamless and straightforward as possible for you. With our extensive experience in residential legal services, we are equipped to assist you every step of the way, ensuring that your interests are protected and your transactions are conducted smoothly. Whether you are entering the property market for the first time, looking to expand your portfolio, or seeking guidance on specific agreements and rights, our knowledgeable team is here to provide you with the comprehensive legal support you need.

We offer help and legal support for a wide range of residential activities, including:

- Selling and buying properties and land, including auction properties and Buy to Let
- Buy to Let leasehold agreements, lease extensions, lease variations and buying freehold
- Right to Buy and Help to Buy advice
- Remortgaging and refinancing of property portfolio
- Residential tenancies
- Preparing deeds which grant/reserve rights of way, access rights, drainage rights and wayleave agreements
- Assistance with the transfer of property as a deed of gift, matrimonial asset or as a result of probate

# For families

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Our private client solicitors offer the empathy, experience and expertise you need to overcome the challenges you face in everyday life.

Whenever you require support and whatever issues need addressing, we can help. Our team consists of experts across a range of specialisms, offering legal advice and representation for individuals. Whatever your situation, we can assemble the right team to guide you through it.

Family law matters can be complex and emotionally charged, whether you're planning for a future together or addressing changes in your relationship. Our team is here to provide the guidance and support you need during these pivotal moments in your life. We understand the unique challenges that arise in various family dynamics, including cohabitation, marriage, divorce, and child welfare. With a focus on protecting your interests and promoting positive outcomes, we strive to create a supportive environment where you can explore your options and achieve the best possible resolution for you and your family.

## **Cohabitation agreements and establishing declarations of trust**

Helping manage finances and protect wealth for people who are co-habiting but are not married.

## **Pre-nuptial and post-nuptial agreements**

Assisting you to protect wealth acquired prior to a marriage or partnership or wealth to pass onto children. An increasingly popular way to avoid future costly litigation.

## **Divorce and separation**

Supporting you to understand your options and plan for the future in every circumstance.

## **Children**

Where children are involved we can help you assess your options and find solutions ensuring your children remain the priority.

## **International family law**

Advising on complex family issues involving children and finances spanning different countries and jurisdictions.

## **LGBTQ+ Specialists**

Advising on issues affecting the LGBTQ+ community. Our lawyers are experienced, empathetic and approachable.

## **Advice on alternative family dispute resolution**

Through collaborative law, mediation and arbitration.



## For business

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In addition to our services for families and individuals, our business lawyers bring a wealth of experience and expertise to help your organisation achieve its goals. We provide practical, commercially-focused legal advice and support tailored to businesses of all types and sizes. Whether you need specialised support to ensure compliance, innovative solutions for growth, or strategic guidance for succession planning, we are here to assist. From corporate matters to employment law, tax, finance, real estate, and dispute resolution, our comprehensive services are designed to empower your business and drive its success in a competitive landscape.

- Corporate
- Commercial and intellectual property
- Employment
- Tax
- Finance and banking
- Restructuring and insolvency
- Real estate and planning
- Litigation and dispute resolution



## Specialist sectors

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At Shakespeare Martineau we have a number of teams that allow us to deliver truly specialist advice and relevant services with particular sector knowledge. This approach allows us to stay informed about the latest regulations, trends, and best practices, ensuring that our clients benefit from informed advice and strategic insights.

Our specialist sector teams...

**Agriculture**

**Banking**

**Charities and not-for-profit**

**Education**

**Energy**

**Healthcare**

**Social Housing**



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