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Other fee-earners	24

THE FIRM Maples Teesdale is a specialist commercial property practice that is acknowledged as a leader in its sector and was shortlisted in 2009 and 2010 for four real estate legal awards. The firm has a deep understanding of the market in which its clients operate and provides legal advice within a commercial context.

CONTACTS

Commercial Property	Mark Bryan
Company Commercial	Paul Burke
Construction	Paul Matcham
Property Litigation	David Stevens

PRINCIPAL AREAS OF WORK

Commercial Property: The purchase and sale of investments, development work, forward purchases and asset management work, including the US embassy sale and relocation in 2010.

Construction: Advice on non-contentious matters, building contracts and professional appointments.

Property Litigation: All types of property-related disputes including specific performance or termination of contracts, injunctions and claims for damages.

Company Commercial: Joint ventures, shareholder agreements and partnership and company formations. Property Finance: Acting for both lenders and borrowers on commercial property finance transactions.

CLIENTS Major institutional investors, property developers, construction companies, banks and occupiers, including Royal & Sun Alliance, Legal and General, Rreef (Deutsche Bank), Nestlé, Lloyds TSB, CLS Holdings, Friends Provident and the US government.

REAL ESTATE: MAINLY MID-MARKET

This property boutique is expanding its profile, and now has 33 lawyers overall. It is praised for its "excellent value and strong 'niche' expertise." The team has a wide range of property expertise, including property investment, finance, corporate commercial, residential property, construction, planning and real estate litigation. Although the team is involved in an increasingly high number of complex and high-value matters, such as the relocation of the US embassy to Nine Elms, it continues to impress in the mid-level real estate market, and is starting to make a name as a key player in this area.

Client Service "They respond to messages very quickly; they exceed every other firm I've dealt with on that front. There is a very high level of partner involvement."

Commercial Awareness "In terms of their real estate knowledge, they're right on the button. They nail down the real issues, and this saves time, money and grief."



RANKED INDIVIDUALS

Real Estate: Declan Power is "very straightforward and sensible; he sticks to his guns and explains things very well," sources say. He continues to act for Legal & General Group on a range of property and portfolio matters.

Construction – Purchaser: Paul Matcham is said by clients to be "a very experienced fellow who knows his part of the law, and therefore can be relied on to give you a very sensible, valued judgement."

