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Maples Teesdale

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Breakdown of work

	%
Commercial property	75
Construction	10
Property litigation	10
Company/commercial	5

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Construction Paul Matcham
Property litigation David Stevens
Company/commercial Denis Marshall

Number of partners 10
Number of other fee-earners 18

Editorial Extracts from Legal 500

Commercial Property

Niche property practice Maples Teesdale continues to prove itself a very worthy rival to some of the bigger property players. Mark Bryan is well known in the property market, and his group includes respected practitioners Declan Power, Roger Thornton and Chris Wilkinson. Clients say that the team is '**excellent, there are no other words. They're great lawyers, and immensely commercial**'. The group has been appointed to the Legal & General property panel, and recently advised the US Government on the relocation to Wandsworth of its embassy. Neil Sagoo joined from Reynolds Porter Chamberlain LLP in October 2008.

Property Finance

Maples Teesdale is increasingly winning substantial work from names such as Lloyds TSB and Nationwide Building Society. The team, which is led by Denis Marshall, notably advised the former on a number of refinancing loans and mixed-use development schemes.

Property Litigation

Maples Teesdale sits on Lloyds TSB Bank's Group Property Management panel for property litigation. Led by the '**personable and commercial**' David Stevens, the team acted on a high-value dispute concerning the largest motorway service area in the country. '**Work is handled professionally and firmly**'.

The firm is a leading commercial property practice. It handles all aspects of commercial property work, including construction, property litigation, and associated company and commercial work.

The firm: Maples Teesdale is a niche property practice that is acknowledged as a leader in its sector. The firm has a deep understanding of the market in which its clients operate and provides legal advice within a commercial context.

Clients: include major institutional investors, property developers, construction companies, banks and occupiers. Among them are Royal & Sun Alliance, Ignis Asset Management, Phoenix Assurance, RREEF (Deutsche Bank), Legal & General, the US government, Targetfollow Group, CLS Holdings, Friends Provident, Lloyds TSB, IVG Asticus and Europa Capital.

Over the last year, Maples has continued to gain significant new instructions and has also made new staff appointments. Six of the current ten partners are ex-Norton Rose.

The firm was shortlisted for the Legal Business Real Estate Firm of the Year Award in 2009, in recognition of its work on the US embassy relocation in London.

Maples, according to clients, has 'a robust negotiating style and brings intellectual capital to the table. They are thinking, creative lawyers who solve problems'.

Types of work undertaken: The property team deals with all types of commercial property work, including development work, joint ventures, forward fundings and property finance deals. It also deals with investment work, including lettings and landlord and tenant issues.

The construction group gives advice on non-contentious matters, negotiating building contracts, professional appointments and related documentation.

The property litigation team handles all property-related disputes, including specific performance or termination of contracts, injunctions and claims for damages. The team has been very active recently helping clients with service charge disputes, rent reviews, dilapidations, planning disputes and enforcement of lending obligations.

The corporate team advises on company and partnership matters, such as joint ventures, shareholder agreements, partnership and company formations, trading agreements, and purchase and sale of businesses.

2008 saw a number of large property companies and institutions instruct Maples for the first time, including Legal & General.

