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

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Number of partners 9
Number of other fee-earners 16
Total staff 47

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

The firm: Maples Teesdale has developed into 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, Resolution Life, Phoenix Assurance, Targetfollow Group, CLS Holdings, Gleeson Properties, Morley Property Developments, City & West End Property Group, Land Securities Trillium, O&H Properties, Friends Provident, Lloyds TSB, Churchmanor Estates, Rydon, IVG Asticus, Europa Capital, Apirose Limited and City University.

Over the last year, Maples Teesdale has continued to gain significant new instructions and has also made new staff appointments to strengthen its core practice. Five of the nine current partners are ex-Norton Rose.

The firm was nominated as Niche Firm of the Year in the 2004 *Lawyer* awards and as a Boutique Firm of the Year in the 2005 *Legal Business Awards*. The firm also won the award for Best Small Firm Legal Trainer in 2004.

The firm, 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 asset management work such as lettings and all landlord and tenant issues.

The construction department 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 company commercial group advises on company and partnership matters, including joint ventures, shareholder agreements, partnership and company formations, trading agreements and purchase and sale of businesses.

2007 saw a number of large property companies and institutions instructing the firm for the first time. The firm acted for the US government on the sale of one of its large diplomatic sites in London and RREEF, Deutsche Bank's property arm, instructed the firm.

Commercial property

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BERWIN LEIGHTON PAISNER LLP CLIFFORD CHANCE LINKLATERS LLP LOVELLS LLP	
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ASHURST FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER LLP HERBERT SMITH LLP NABARRO SJ BERWIN LLP	
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Addleshaw Goddard Allen & Overy LLP CMS Cameron McKenna LLP DLA Piper UK LLP Denton Wilde Sapte LLP Eversheds LLP Jones Day	LG Marfarlanes LLP Norton Rose LLP Olswang Slaughter and May Taylor Wessing LLP Wragge & Co LLP
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Boodle Hatfield Clyde & Co LLP Dechert LLP Field Fisher Waterhouse LLP Finers Stephens Innocent LLP Fladgate LLP Forsters LLP Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP Howard Kennedy K&L Gates Lewis Silkin LLP	MAPLES TEESDALE Mayer Brown International LLP Mishcon de Reya Osborne Clarke Pinsent Masons LLP Reed Smith Simmons & Simmons Speechly Bircham LLP Stephenson Harwood Travers Smith LLP Trowers & Hamblins
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Baker & McKenzie LLP Bircham Dyson Bell LLP Campbell Hooper Charles Russell LLP Davenport Lyons Davies Arnold Cooper LLP Dundas & Wilson LLP Halliwells LLP Hammonds LLP	Manches LLP Maxwell Winward LLP McGrigors LLP Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker (Europe) LLP Penningtons Solicitors LLP RadcliffesLeBrasseur Steptoe & Johnson Wedlake Bell White & Case LLP
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Beachcroft LLP Bevan Brittan LLP Blake Laphorn Tarlo Lyons Bristows Dawsons LLP Dewey & LeBoeuf Kingsley Napley Maclay Murray & Spens LLP Morgan Cole Payne Hicks Beach	Reynolds Porter Chamberlain LLP Salans Shearman & Sterling LLP Shepherd and Wedderburn Teacher Stern LLP Thomas Eggar LLP Wallace LLP Weil, Gotshal & Manges
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Barlow Lyde & Gilbert LLP Batchelors Bates Wells & Braithwaite London LLP Beauchamps Bird & Bird Collyer Bristow LLP Faegre & Benson LLP Farrer & Co. Fox Williams LLP Glovers Solicitors LLP Hamlins LLP	Jeffrey Green Russell Laytons Memery Crystal LLP Middleton Potts Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe Pemberton Greenish Pritchard Englefield RLS Solicitors Russell-Cooke LLP Shadbolt Withers LLP

Commercial property – leasehold enfranchisement

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Editorial Extracts from Legal 500

Mark Bryan heads the commercial property practice of niche real estate firm Maples Teesdale. The group is growing in prominence, as indicated by some great new clients wins over the past year. These included acting for the US government on its largest-ever diplomatic property sale. The team, featuring the very capable Roger Thornton and Declan Power, has extensive experience in the development field, and acted for P&O Estates in a joint venture which Property Merchant Group involving the redevelopment of some prime London sites.

Maples Teesdale has a niche focus on commercial property litigation, and recently advised on several high-value dilapidations disputes.

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Bowling & Co. Cannings Connolly Capsticks Dorsey & Whitney Druces LLP Edwin Coe LLP Fasken Martineau Stringer Saul LLP Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson (London) LLP Goodman Derrick LLP Grundberg Mocatta Rakison LLP Harbottle & Lewis LLP Heller Ehrman (Europe) LLP Hempsons Ince & Co Irwin Mitchell	Latham & Watkins Mills & Reeve LLP Moon Beaver Piper Smith Watton LLP RT Coopers Solicitors Rochman Landau Rooks Rider Rosenblatt Solicitors Rosling King LLP Russell Jones & Walker Sidley Austin (UK) LLP Steeles Law LLP Stepien Lake Thring Townsend Lee & Pembertons Wiggin LLP