

Legal Experts 2009

Mark Bryan ☐ 020 7421 6415 ☐ Maples Teesdale



Mark leads the firm's very experienced commercial property development team. He acts for a number of substantial developers and land owners, including life companies. He has acted on several urban mixed-use development schemes.

Recently, Mark led the Maples team advising the US government on its London embassy relocation from Grosvenor Square to a new five-acre site in New Elms, South London

Mark also specialises in property finance matters, including forward fundings and property finance transactions. The firm has a very active property finance practice and acts for several substantial lenders.

Mark also advises institutional investor clients, and has wide experience of portfolio acquisitions and disposals. He was recently involved in a £500m portfolio transfer into a newly-created offshore Guernsey fund.

Mark is liked by clients for his clear, commercial, proactive advice.

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Declan Power ☐ 020 7421 6416 ☐ Maples Teesdale



Declan trained at Hill Dickinson, qualifying in 1989. He then worked at Norton Rose, before joining Maples Teesdale as a partner in 1998.

Declan specialises in commercial property development and investment work, including retail, offices, mixed use, and industrial/distribution projects. Development expertise includes

Forward funding, forward purchases, joint venture agreements, development agreements, rent sharing leases, construction aspects and warranties, rights of light, stopping up orders and planning. His clients primarily comprise Institutions and property developers.

Specific projects include acting for City & West End on a £40m development scheme in Savile Row, London W1, comprising 40,000 sq ft of offices, retail and residential development; acting for Royal & Sun Alliance on a £55m forward funding of a retail warehousing scheme in Tunbridge Wells owned and developed by Dixons and Castlemore in a joint venture; acting for Morley on a £30m joint venture development with Property Merchant Group of a 70,000 sq ft mixed-use scheme in the West End; and acting for Lloyds TSB Bank plc on the financing of a £20m residential scheme with Cable Street Regeneration Limited in Tower Hamlets, including social housing.

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Roger Thornton ☐ 020 7421 6410 ☐ Maples Teesdale



Roger specialises in commercial property investment and development work. He acts for a broad range of clients, including developers, landowners and occupiers. He has considerable experience in advising on major redevelopment sites and the associated funding and pre-letting aspects of this work. He has acted for several leading plcs on the disposal of surplus sites for redevelopment and associated coverage

Issues. He advises both landlords and tenants on lettings, pre-lettings and development agreements. Roger also heads the Maples' active property finance team, acting for several substantial lenders.

Roger is on the British Property Federation's commercial property sub-committee and is also an active member of the Cambridge University Land Society.

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Chris Wilkinson ☐ 020 7421 6422 ☐ Maples Teesdale



Chris graduated from Exeter College, Oxford, in 1988. Having trained at Richards Butler, and moved on from there to Norton Rose, he joined Maples Teesdale in 2001.

Chris' practice covers a wide range of commercial property work, including landlord and tenant, investment and development projects. In the past year, he has

acted on a number of office and retail transactions, both for institutional and private investors; a complex leisure development project and a number of urban mixed-use development schemes.

Chris acts for several lenders on property finance transactions, and is a key member of the firm's very active property finance team. The team acts for both lenders and borrowers on all aspects of property finance transactions.

Chris also acts on behalf of a number of very substantial occupiers, and he heads the team providing property management services to corporate occupiers. Over the last few years, he has been acting for a number of media companies on their property requirements.

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