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Addleshaw Goddard Private Client Group

Addleshaw Goddard is one of the country's largest commercial law firms. The firm is extremely proud to be unique amongst its competitors in offering a full range of advice to private clients. The 6 partners and over 37 associates who comprise the private client group are dedicated to the provision of bespoke solutions for their clients out of the firm's London, Leeds, and Manchester offices. The group's client base of entrepreneurs, business executives, owners of landed estates, sports and media personalities and charities has a national and international reach.

A particular benefit of instructing Addleshaw Goddard is the wide range of expertise available from other teams within the firm. This is especially valuable, for example, to an individual wanting to sell a company and deal with the related personal tax planning issues or to a client facing divorce who needs advice in connection with, perhaps, a company or pension asset.

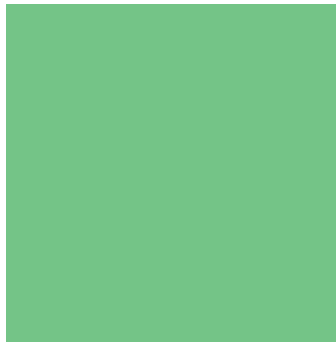
In addition to the expertise across all legal disciplines which is available within the firm, members of the group work closely with other professionals (accountants, independent financial advisers and stockbrokers) to provide a seamless but commercial service to achieve the unique objectives that are required by each client.

What the legal directories say about us

- Addleshaw Goddard LLP's "impressive" Leeds practice takes advantage of its commercially-oriented environment.
[Chambers & Partners 06/07, Trust & Personal Tax, North East](#)
- Head of the private client department Paul Howell is credited with "successfully building up the practice with a practical, commercial approach."
[Chambers & Partners 06/07, Trust & Personal Tax, North East](#)
- This "peerless" Manchester-based trusts and tax practice has an undeniably national profile.
[Chambers & Partners 06/07, Trust & Personal Tax, North West](#)
- Alan Sturrock is a "supremely knowledgeable," vastly experienced and globally respected wealth adviser
[Chambers & Partners 06/07, Trust & Personal Tax, North West](#)
- Addleshaw's is "pre-eminent in Leeds without a doubt ." As one interviewee acknowledged, "you can't knock the quality and it has great resources ."
[Chambers & Partners 06/07 - Family, Yorkshire](#)
- Nigel Shepherd is "clearly extremely talented at what he does" and has a sound reputation for tackling substantial financial cases.
[Chambers 2005/6, Family, North West](#)
- Considered by many to be a "leading light" in family law, particularly when it comes to complex financial work and pensions, David Salter has an "incredible knowledge base and wealth of experience ."
[Chambers & Partners 06/07, Family, Yorkshire](#)
- Clients continued to endorse the huge reputation of this international commercial team for charities work, [commenting] that "although they're not charity specialists, they're still a really excellent team with a great deal of breadth." Said one client: "They can take care of just about anything."
[Chambers 06/07, Charities, North West](#)
- With the ability to enlist specialists from the employment, IP and real estate corners of the firm, the charities element of this international giant "really has got the expertise for any complex matter."
[Chambers & Partners 06/07, Charities, North East](#)
- "efficient and contactable"
[Chambers 04/5, Charities Yorkshire](#)



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Trusts & Tax

The firm is recognised as having one of the leading private client teams in the UK, advising high net worth individuals and charities. Our experienced team operates on a national and international basis. Our clients typically include business owners, executives, landowners and trustees of high value trusts and charities. We advise on estate planning to reduce capital gains and inheritance tax liabilities. We have wide experience of offshore tax planning structures. We also deal with the administration of large and complex estates, often containing private company shares and overseas property.

We have the expertise to advise on all of the issues which affect private individuals and trustees including:

- Agricultural estates
- Capital tax planning
- Succession planning
- Trusts for the disabled
- Administration of estates
- Court of protection receivership
- Administration of private and charitable trusts
- Powers of attorney
- Corporate support
- Creation and restructuring of UK/offshore trusts
- Tax planning wills
- Private company shareholdings
- Family wills
- Domicile and Residence
- Death in service benefits
- Post death tax planning
- Trusteeship

Many members of the group are members of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners and/or the Law Society Probate Section.

Family

We advise a wide range of clients nationally and internationally on all aspects of family breakdown with a particular emphasis on the higher value financial settlements arising from divorce.

We have for many years been nationally regarded as market leaders in family law, being highly rated in both of the leading legal directories.

Addleshaw Goddard is the largest solicitors' firm in England with a family law practice, which puts our clients in a unique position to benefit from the wide range of expertise available from other specialist teams within the firm.

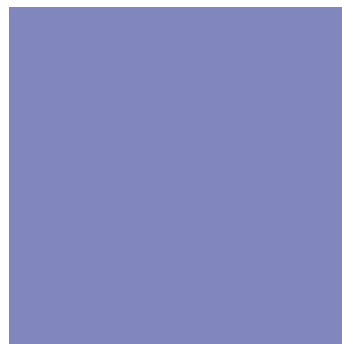
Our team is at the forefront of both collaborative practice and mediation, which are alternatives to the "traditional" methods of dealing with family breakdown through solicitors' negotiation or applications to the court.

We have particularly strong links with the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers as David Salter and Nigel Shepherd are both members, which enables us to give the best possible advice on international aspects of family issues. We also have strong links with the Family Law Bar Association.

Our team consists of 11 solicitors and one barrister, all with experience in dealing with cases in a sensitive and professional manner. We are based in Leeds and Manchester but the team has a frequent presence in London.

Our areas of expertise include the following:

- Arrangements for children and child support
- Civil Partnerships
- Cohabitation
- Divorce and financial settlements on divorce
- Domestic abuse
- Pensions
- Pre-marital/pre-registration agreements
- Separation agreements



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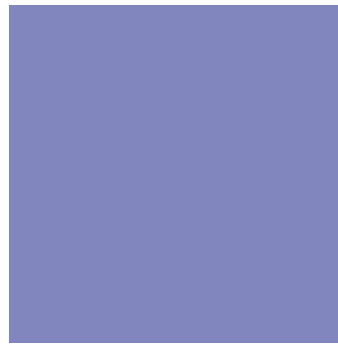
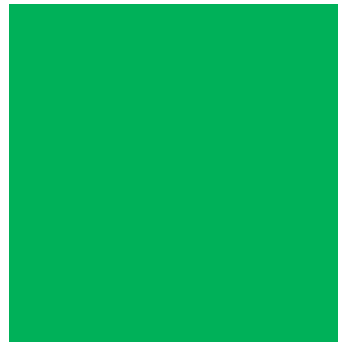
The Legal 500 and Chambers, the two main legal directories, place Addleshaw Goddard as one of the top firms advising on charity law. In addition, the Charity Times has placed Addleshaw Goddard in high regard.

We aim to provide our charity clients with advice that is both practical and commercial. We act for over 100 charities including household names and smaller local charities, public service providers, universities and schools, religious organisations and family grant giving bodies.

We have experience of a wide variety of transactions which charities may become involved with, including fund raising, advising on structure, trading and the relationship with trading subsidiaries, property transactions and borrowing, mergers, taxation, governance, incorporation and trustees' duties and responsibilities. Our dedicated Charities Group is also able to provide expert advice to charities on employment, intellectual property, property, pension and litigation issues.

We act on behalf of numerous charitable trusts and provide ongoing advice to trustees on issues involving their constitutional duties. In the event of disputes we have provided charities with proactive advice taking into account the duties imposed upon charity trustees at all times. We are often asked to provide advice in connection with charity legislation and have formed strong links with the Charity Commission through our dealings with them.





Residential Conveyancing

We are able to provide all of our clients, whether they be high net worth individuals or corporate clients, a bespoke conveyancing service tailored to meet their individual needs.

Having experience in all aspects of residential conveyancing including sales and purchases, re-mortgages, transfers of equity and leases, we are able to offer our clients a highly skilled and professional service.

We also have the ability to deal with all property related disputes including boundary disputes, planning disputes and adverse possession.

Our experience ensures that all transactions are dealt with efficiently and quickly and that the outcome meets clients' requirements and expectations.

Trusts and Estates Disputes

In an increasingly litigious world the Trusts and Estates Dispute Group has been formed to advise particularly in relation to disputes involving trusts and trustees (of private and charitable trusts) and disputes arising after the death of an individual. It comprises specialists from across the firm including Trust and Tax, Family, Litigation and Pensions.

The group concentrates on issues such as Variation of Trust Act 1958 applications, tax disputes with the Revenue, allegations of breach of trust, acting as intermediaries between trustees and beneficiaries, removal of trustees and duties of trustees under the Trustee Act 2000.

In probate disputes, the group focuses on issues surrounding the validity of Wills and financial claims against estates, whether acting for beneficiaries or executors. The group has wide experience of claims brought under the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependents) Act 1975.

