

*We don't believe in law as usual
For us, law is inspiring...*

Our story

A number of years ago, we decided that we could change the way legal services are delivered. That we could do them better. At gunnercooke, we believe the potential of our clients and our people rests with our ability to free the law and make it work as it should. Today, we attract passionate lawyers and advise with authority: every gunnercooke lawyer has a minimum 10,000 hours practising experience.

Flexibility, transparency and freedom guide everything we do. Flexibility for our people to work how they want. Transparency of cost for our clients because we removed time recordings and billable hours. Freedom for our people and clients to achieve their personal and professional aspirations.

We work with clients that believe tradition is there to be tested, not obeyed. Working together, we help them seek opportunities and push the boundaries of what's possible.

Providing a suite of corporate and commercial legal services, gunnercooke is one of the UK's fastest-growing challenger brands. Proud of what we have achieved, committed to doing more.



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Overview

What he's best at

Dual qualified as a lawyer in both Scotland and England, Christian has extensive experience in general corporate and commercial contract work for listed and private companies in the UK and abroad, financial institutions and public bodies, including significant specific experience in mergers & acquisitions, joint ventures, strategic collaborations, distribution strategies, MBOs, MBIs, capital projects and partnership structures. His "speciality" is investment funds work and cross-border transactions.

Who he works for:

- Private Equity Houses and Angel Funds
- Corporate Investors
- Private Investors
- Management Teams and business leaders
- Financial Institutions
- Property Funds

Experience Highlights

- The £30m purchase of Reading Football Club:
- The purchase of The Rotunda Leisure Centre, Kingston-upon-Thames for the Curo Rotunda Fund and subsequent £50.7m corporate sale to UK Commercial Property Trust managed by Ignis Asset Management:
- Acted with Freshfields and their client Funds on establishing and operating Scottish Limited Partnerships in acquisition structures for various target groups in the UK:
- Led team advising the University of Edinburgh on the relocation of its Medical School as part of the new Royal Infirmary and Western General Hospital PFI projects:
- Advised principals on establishing the Hothouse Club as an angel investor club to invest in nascent food and drink companies:
- Advised Hunter Real Estate Investment Management on promotion and establishment of Guernsey-based St Wenceslas Property Fund, Active Retail Fund, and the Performance Property Trust as commercial property investment Unit Trust Funds:
- Acted for and led team advising Hardy Underwriting plc, Hiscox Select Insurance Fund plc and Lomond Underwriting plc on conversion schemes for Names at Lloyds:
- Advisory work on UCIS (Unregulated Collective Investment Schemes) promotions and related FSMA/MiFID compliance issues for Real Estate and VC Funds and their promoters.