

## 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

Geraint qualified as a solicitor in 2006 and was latterly at a well-known commercial firm in Leeds where he was made a partner only

seven years after qualifying. Understanding that disputes cause businesses unwanted distraction, Geraint delivers a very responsive, decisive and client-focused service which concentrates on getting a commercial result quickly. Unlike some lawyers, he does not get bogged down in unimportant detail, or waste time and money in points scoring.



Geraint's practice can be broken down into two principal areas: commercial disputes and real estate disputes.

In the former area, he has particular experience of B2B disputes in all market sectors, including IT, professional services, sale of goods and services, commercial agency, distribution and franchises. He has also acted for both claimants and defendants in professional negligence claims (for and against solicitors, accountants, surveyors and other professionals). Some of his key work has been bringing, and defending, claims for minority shareholder prejudice and breach of directors' duties.

In the area of real estate disputes, Geraint has over twelve years' experience dealing with the full range of contentious commercial landlord and tenant matters, including disputed 1954 Act lease renewals, dilapidations, lease forfeiture, trespass, nuisance, disputes relating to easements and rights of way, and rent/service charge recovery. A number of his recent instructions have included applying for urgent injunctive relief to prevent trespass and nuisance. The majority of Geraint's work is in the High Court and appellate courts. Two of his cases have also reached the Supreme Court. He is trusted adviser and "go to lawyer" for a number of national and international companies.

#### Who he works for

- A Cayman and Channel Islands domiciled property investment vehicle
- A Canadian fuel technology company
- A leading UK supermarket chain
- A national hotel operato
- SMEs and mid-market clients at regional, national and international level

#### **Testimonials**

We came to Geraint in 2013 concerning a dispute we had with one of our distributors. We were owed a lot of money, it was hurting our company, and we needed a result. Geraint worked antisocial hours to turn things around and secured us a very favourable settlement at mediation. Since then, we go to him as our trusted adviser for all our UK dealings. We would not deal with anyone else. (Mike Phelan, Vice President, Temptronix Inc).

#### **Awards**

Specifically mentioned in the Legal 500 2016 edition under Commercial Litigation Leeds and North Yorkshire