

*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

Patrick has been a corporate lawyer and trusted adviser to business owners for over 35 years. He enjoys most of all getting to know and understand a business and its owners and their objectives, building a long term relationship of trust and understanding. He has a reputation for a down to earth practical and commercial approach based on a sound knowledge of the law and an ability to explain difficult legal issues in terms that clients can understand. He specialises in all aspects of strategic planning including shareholder and partnership agreements, succession planning and shareholder protection,

equity incentive schemes, strategic acquisitions, reorganisations, demergers, share buy backs, capital reductions and exit sales, whether to management or trade.

Who he works for

- Private companies
- Owner managed businesses
- Family companies
- Management teams

Testimonials

"Patrick Billyeald has always been my main point of contact and could not praise him highly enough for his ability to sum up a situation and offer consistently excellent advice whilst maintaining an extremely calm composure, and leave you feeling that the whole matter is in hand." - Roger Frost (Syntax Consultancy Ltd)

Experience Highlights

- Sale of Chinese subsidiary of UK based private industrial group.
- The acquisition out of administration of the business and assets of Service Point UK and associated acquisition of parent company bank debt.
- The acquisition out of administration of the business and assets of Magnadata.
- The establishment of an EMI share option scheme for a London based investment management company and associated shareholders' agreement and shareholder protection arrangements.
- Demerger under s110 Insolvency Act of a large company with diverse activities into 7 separate companies and associated bank refinancing.