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# 'Timely responses' help to deliver on all fronts

In a tough commercial marketplace, where client service is more important than ever, Cozens-Hardy is delivering on all fronts.

According to the Legal 500, "they never let the client down... they are a delight to work with and are very timely in their responses".

While, overall, businesses have remained cautious, the company/commercial areas of the firm's work have grown by about 10pc over the past year.

As one corporate client said of managing principal Simon Whipp's team, they are "timely, precise and informative, making clients aware of any risks (with) very quick turnarounds".

The firm has an excellent track

## Cozens-Hardy LLP

record in advising SMEs and Chris Groves is again highly recommended for his expertise in commercial property.

Similarly, the plaudits flow for Mr Whipp with regards to his company work, while the high-profile work of employment dispute specialist Andrew Spencer is also highlighted – particularly his expertise on redundancies.

The Legal 500 again recognises Alistair Sursham as a trust expert. Mr Sursham is retiring in 2011 and

the firm has appointed his experienced colleague Michelle Collins as principal to lead the private client team in its relationship with longstanding clients. Under Mr Sursham's and Mrs Collins' tutelage, the team has continued to grow its work and clients.

One of the first firms to establish dedicated family law solicitors more than 40 years ago, Cozens-Hardy remains one of the leaders in this area. The three principals – Iain White, collaborative lawyer Jane Anderson and Sandra Nunn – are noted for being "vastly experienced in children law matters and financial provision in high-net-worth divorces".

They are also developing an exciting young team of solicitors, including Carly Sullivan and Beth Watson.

Under Damian Short, the firm's APIL-accredited team is acknowledged as experienced experts for clients with acquired traumatic brain injury, handling claims in excess of £1m.

The firm is a member of the Headway Solicitors List and is also accredited to the Law Society Panel of Personal Injury Lawyers.

Overall, Cozens-Hardy is approaching the next year with confidence that both regional and local business activity will continue to show steady progress.

## LEADING LIGHTS

**Rosamund Rhodes-Kemp**  
Kester Cunningham John  
(clinical negligence: claimant)

**Justin Ripman**  
Mills & Reeve  
(personal tax, trusts and probate)

**Max Roessler**  
Birketts  
(commercial litigation)

**Gillie Scoular**  
Mills & Reeve  
(employment)

**Peter Sheppard**  
Leathes Prior  
(corporate and commercial)

**Nick Sutherland**  
Hansells  
(commercial litigation)

**Paul Warman**  
Leathes Prior  
(corporate and commercial)

**Andrew Wood**  
Birketts  
(corporate and commercial)



**IN TRAINING:** (from left) head of marketing Philippa Rudd, Chris Groves and Iain White, preparing for the Norwich Triathlon, which the firm sponsored this year.



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