

Press Release

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## Taylor Walton continues to enhance its reputation in the 2009 edition of *The Legal 500*

Taylor Walton has further enhanced its reputation as a credible alternative to City law firms in this year's *The Legal 500*, which recognises the UK's leading solicitors. Both the Corporate & Commercial and IT & Outsourcing departments have advanced their position and there has been recognition for many partners.

Below are verbatim quotes from the 2009 edition of *The Legal 500*:

### Corporate and Commercial

Within Corporate and commercial: Beds, Bucks, Herts, Middx, Taylor Walton LLP is a second tier firm,

Providing a '*City service at a significantly discounted price*', Taylor Walton LLP had a strong 2008, acting for Stapleton's (Tyre Services) Limited on its acquisition of Pirelli UK's central tyre business.

Clients rate **Mike Pettit** for his '*excellent response times*'.

### Dispute Resolution

Within Commercial litigation: Beds, Bucks, Herts, Middx, Taylor Walton LLP is a second tier firm,

Taylor Walton LLP has reported an increase in contentious IP, probate and employment claims, with mediation a growing area of focus.

### Human Resources

Within Employment: Beds, Bucks, Herts, Middx, Taylor Walton LLP is a first tier firm,

Taylor Walton LLP has reported an increase in contentious matters and discrimination advice for its sports, IT and retail clients. **Heather Cowley's** team acts for heavyweight companies such as Fujifilm UK on HR matters, with clients reporting an '*excellent overall level of service*'.

## Family

Within Family: Beds, Bucks, Herts, Middx, Taylor Walton LLP is a second tier firm,

Taylor Walton LLP's **Aileen Hartnett** leads a team of five family lawyers, with clients singling out her *'innovative and practical approach'* to high-value cases.

## Private Client

Within Personal tax, trusts and probate: Beds, Bucks, Herts, Middx, Taylor Walton LLP is a first tier firm,

Taylor Walton LLP reports an increase in trust formation matters, with contentious trusts work a particular focus. **Alison Voyce** is considered *'a strong communicator and good at establishing relationships with the other side'*.

## Real Estate

Within Commercial property: Beds, Bucks, Herts, Middx, Taylor Walton LLP is a first tier firm,

Taylor Walton LLP's property team *'is big enough to have strength in depth while still offering competitive rates'*, with clients highlighting **Angela Thomas's 'down-to-earth and efficient'** approach. The firm continues to act for The Capita Group plc on its sizeable property portfolio.

Within Property litigation for South East, Taylor Walton is recommended

## TMT (technology, media and telecoms)

Within Intellectual property and information technology, Taylor Walton LLP is a third tier firm,

Taylor Walton LLP is considered *'as good, if not better, than a City firm'* and has a strong client base that includes Epson, Fujifilm and Kenwood Electronics. "

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## About Taylor Walton

Taylor Walton is a 25 partner firm with three offices strategically located close to but not in London.

Taylor Walton is highly rated by leading independent legal directory The Legal 500 that ranks a number of its teams in the top division of South East firms, and quotes clients as describing the firm as "commercial, pragmatic and quick".

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