

Daniel Sutherland

Partner

I am a partner in Fox Williams' professional services team. I advise businesses and individuals, focusing on the legal, accountancy and financial services sectors.



Daniel leads Fox Williams' highly regarded professional services group. He specialises in advising businesses in the professional services sector, with a focus on the formation and running of limited liability partnerships, partnerships and mergers & acquisitions.

Daniel also advises individuals and teams of professionals on issues relating to their partnership, such as their recruitment, retirement and treatment while a partner or member. His focus and expertise means he offers clients insight into best and market practice, as well as an ability to analyse and advise on complex partnership and LLP structures.

Daniel has particular expertise in providing legal and regulatory advice to foreign law firms which either have an English branch or affiliate, or are seeking to establish one. He has been at the cutting edge of advising legal services firms, with recent experience including advising on the establishment of ABS structures for major US law firms, either converting to ABS or seeking to open offices in London, advising on the English regulatory and European law aspects of the establishment of law firms in European member states, advising a Gibraltar general partnership on its proposed conversion to LLP and advising US and UK law firms and members on substantial cross-border acquisitions.

Daniel has written for numerous publications in connection with partnership and LLPs matters and since 2015 has been elected as a member of the committee of the Association of Partnership Practitioners.

Legal Expertise

- Formation and running of partnerships and limited liability partnerships
- Preparing and advising on Partnership and Members' Agreements
- Advising on the interpretation and enforcement of Partnership and Members' Agreement terms
- Mergers & acquisitions of professional services firms
- Advising individuals and teams on joining or retiring from partnerships and LLPs
- Advising on the international structuring of professional services firms
- Advising on law firm regulation, including taking advantage of recent regulatory changes and reporting of regulatory breaches

Experience

- Advised Bircham Dyson Bell LLP on its merger with Pitmans LLP.
- Advised a top 10 accountancy practice on its conversion from a partnership to an LLP.
- Advised a law firm operating as an ABS on its conversion to LLP. This involved advising on and putting in place new constitutional arrangements to reflect the strategic priorities of the client.

Memberships

- Association of Partnership Practitioners (Committee Member)