

Elizabeth Ruff

Partner

I am a partner in Fox Williams' real estate team. I advise primarily on the acquisition and disposal of freehold and leasehold commercial property and have significant experience in acting for corporate occupiers and in portfolio asset management.



Liz has over 30 years' experience in dealing with a broad range of commercial property transactions. She advises on freehold and leasehold matters including portfolio asset management, investment acquisitions and disposals, corporate occupation, secured lending, property finance and general landlord and tenant issues. She also provides specialist advice to the firm's corporate, fintech, professional services and fashion law teams.

Liz's clients include private individuals and investors, pension funds, private and public companies and property investment companies. She has significant experience in advising corporates on HQ relocations and in particular in advising technology sector clients.

Liz is a member of the firm's professional services group and in that capacity has advised a significant number of law firms in relation to their UK real estate requirements as well as providing specialist advice to overseas law firms without UK real estate expertise.

She appreciates the value of working closely with her clients' professional advisers and has acted for a significant number of her clients for many years. Liz is frequently complimented for providing pertinent and hands-on commercial advice.

Private individuals and investors also seek Liz's expertise in relation to high value freehold and leasehold residential property transactions.

Liz is chair of the firm's Social and Charity Committee.

Legal Expertise

- Commercial occupiers
- Fashion law
- Hotels & hospitality
- Portfolio management
- Professional services
- PropTech
- Real estate finance

- Real estate investments & disposals
- Real estate leasing
- Residential sales & acquisitions

Experience

- Advised on the real estate aspects of a M&A deal for a large self-storage company as part of a vast expansion of their self-storage business involving five leasehold properties across the UK.
- Advised a global media, production and broadcasting company on their re-gear and acquisition of additional leasehold office space in a Grade II listed building in Euston.
- Acted for a leading interactive gaming company on its relocation to one of the biggest letting deals in the West End of London of its time.
- Advised a large property investment company on its acquisition of a new office site in South Wales, subject to numerous occupational leases.
- Acted for a property investment company on the acquisition of a multi let shopping centre and a multi let office park respectively.
- Advised on the relocation of a corporate HQ to the newly constructed Outernet Building in St Giles Square, London.

Memberships

- Commercial Real Estate Lawyers Association
- Women in Property