



## **A league of their own**

### Focused on our market-leading Pensions team

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#### **How can we help?**

Eversheds' award winning pensions team is a market leading practice. With over 70 specialist pensions advisers, including 15 partners and 3 dedicated practice support lawyers. We work closely with our employment, financial services, banking and corporate teams. We are well used to providing top quality strategic advice to both trustee boards and corporate sponsors of large pension arrangements. Over the last year we have been engaged in matters involving over 500 schemes with more than 7.5 million members and assets of over £150 billion. The pensions team, is a major part of the Eversheds Human Resources Practice Group with lawyers across the country.

Given our size, it is very likely that we have existing expertise relevant to a client's query. Meaning we can advise cost-effectively and promptly. We cover the full range of UK pensions legal issues, including advising on day-to-day governance issues, scheme change, closures and wind-ups, negotiations on funding and investment matters, dealing with regulatory bodies including the Pensions Regulator and the Pension Protection Fund. We regularly advise on international pensions matters and corporate transactions. Our team has class leading experience of dispute resolution, including investigations by the Pensions Ombudsman.

## Why work with us?

- 1 Award-winning support** – we recently won Pension Law Firm of the Year 2015 and Financial Times Pensions Awards as well as the German occupational pension scheme prize 2015, amongst many others.
- 2 Customer satisfaction** – independent, detailed surveys show that 95% of clients surveyed would recommend the Eversheds Pensions team.
- 3 A rounded view** – the strengths of our trustee client base (including the trustees of British Airways pension schemes and Compass) and our employer client base (including Nestlé and National Grid) means we see ‘both sides of the fence’.
- 4 Leaders in the field** – we have been involved in most of the leading pension cases in the past 20 years including ITS v Hope (the Ilford case) and PNPF v Taylor (the Pilots case). Chambers also gives ‘leading individual’ rankings to 19 Eversheds pensions specialists.
- 5 Shaping the law** – we have key strategic relationships with stakeholders including the Confederation of British Industry and the International Pension & Employee Benefits Lawyers Association. We also respond to government pension consultation papers.
- 6 Pragmatic and straightforward** – we are transparent with clients about their costs and the timing of our advice. We strive to offer practical solutions.
- 7 Thought leaders** – we hold a prestigious annual conference (at which the Pensions Minister and Shadow Pensions Minister commonly speak), hold regular seminars, publish an annual handbook on pensions terminology and hold regular events and training.
- 8 Full service law** – we are able to draw on our colleagues in other related areas such as employment, financial services, insurance, property, banking and corporate law, meaning we have a specialist in every field.

## What happens next?

For more information please contact:



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## Who do we work with?

*“There are some lawyers who work from the bottom up and cannot see the big picture and there are some who work from the top down and are a bit sloppy with the detail. I am very pleased to say that Eversheds have combined the benefits of both a top down perspective and a bottom up approach. They know what is important but they realise that paying attention to all the minute detail is also relevant in one’s relationship with a lawyer.”*

**Alan Pickering**, Chairman of BESTrustees