

Pensions education team

Legal services for the education sector





How we can help institutions achieve their objectives

The education sector, whether this be higher education, further education, schools or academy trusts, is dealing with more challenges than ever before, with new financial pressures and Government legislation, as well as increasing internal pressure.

In order to deal with these issues, you need legal advisers who fully understand your sector and the unique challenges you face.

Eversheds Sutherland's award-winning pension and education practices include a dedicated education sector pensions team. The team specialised in advising clients on their obligation under the complex rules of the pensions schemes applicable to education institutions.

Our ability to draw upon our education experts in all product areas, such as pensions, human resources, estates, corporate and commercial, international, charity and litigation means that we can offer you an expert service on any of the issues you are facing.

Like you, we are dedicated to the education sector. We regularly advise and work with institutions and organisations in the sector, speak at events and add our voice to current debates.



How we add value through innovation

The education sector is full of people with bright ideas. Our team is the same. We keep up with sector developments and design products and services to meet and anticipate the needs of the sector.

Fully cognisant of the latest issues you face, we also look at what will happen in the future. We will give you advanced warning about what you need to be doing to tackle the challenges ahead. We are a law firm that is always thinking about your interests.





Our experience

We have considerable experience of the pension schemes operating in the education sector, including the Teachers' Pension Scheme, the Universities Superannuation Scheme, the Local Government Pension Scheme, the NHS Pension Scheme, as well as self-administered trusts. This provides invaluable knowledge that improves the efficiency of our service and enables us to provide advice that is cost effective and prompt.

We act for education institutions throughout the UK and internationally. Again, this provides an invaluable understanding of the sector and improves efficiency and service delivery. Our recent experience includes advising on the following pensions matters:

- Pensions aspects of transactions, mergers of education institutions, incorporations, restructurings and outsourcings of services
- Liability, risk reduction and costs saving exercises such as changing pension benefits for new and existing members of staff
- Internal reorganisations and redundancy exercises involving complex pension issues
- Managing pension aspects of ill health early retirements
- Automatic enrolment
- Funding negotiations and management of employer debt obligations
- Dealing with regulatory bodies including the Pensions Regulator and the Pension Protection Fund
- Defending Pensions Ombudsman complaints
- Day-to-day governance issues



"Eversheds is the largest provider of legal services to the higher education (HE) and further education (FE) sector and with its 'vast spread of resources, deep experience and terrific reputation', it is highly regarded across the country."

Chambers and Partners

The Eversheds Sutherland education practice is widely acknowledged to be market leading. With our unrivalled experience and sector engagement, we can offer an informed service and anticipate the needs of the sector.

The Eversheds Sutherland Education Team have once again been ranked in **Band 1** in both the Chambers and Partners and Legal 500 Legal Directories.



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