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About Deborah

Deborah Brown is a partner in our Restructuring & Insolvency Practice Group and is based in our Birmingham office. Deborah's practice focuses on noncontentious, transactional and/or advisory matters with a particular focus on distressed real estate, debt and M&A work. She also acts on corporate simplification and divestment matters.

Deborah advises insolvency practitioners, lenders, corporates, directors and creditors on all issues arising from financial distress both within the UK and cross-border, and across a wide range of sectors.

Deborah has been ranked in *Legal 500* and *Chambers and Partners* for the last four years.

In *Legal 500*, clients have commented that Deborah "is incredibly organised and always on the front foot" and that "she strikes a good balance of protecting her clients but also allowing them the space to make the practical decisions they need to make within their scope of work".

In *Chambers and Partners*, clients have also commended her on being "very pragmatic and commercial in her approach".

Experience

- Acting for PwC as administrators on the trading administration and subsequent sale of the business and assets of certain entities within the Caparo Industries group, comprising UK steel and associated engineering businesses.
- Acting for Ernst & Young as administrators in relation to the sale of L.K. Bennett Limited's UK and Irish businesses. The sale included the company's headquarters and 21 stores, and required the coordination and provision of cross-border insolvency advice from jurisdictions such as the US, France, Portugal, Spain and the Netherlands.
- Acting for Samworth Brothers, a leading food production company in the UK, on its acquisition of certain assets from the administrators of the Adelie Food Group, including certain intellectual property and equipment used in the manufacture and packaging of ready-made sandwiches.

- Advising Watling Real Estate in relation to its appointment as fixed charge receivers and the subsequent disposal of an 18.28-acre former office development in the Northwest to Persimmon Homes.
- Advising a UK clearing bank regarding the financial restructure of an AIM-listed international customer within the technology sector, whose global operations span multiple jurisdictions, including the UK, the US, France, Ireland, the Netherlands and New Zealand.

Credentials

Education

- University of Law, Birmingham, Legal Practice Course, Distinction, 2007
- University of Warwick, BA Hons, Law and Business, 2006

Admissions

- England and Wales

Expertise

Services

- Restructuring & Insolvency

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