

Focused on education

Innovative thinking for challenging times

What we do for our clients

Eversheds is the leading provider of legal services to the education sector in the UK and is listed as number one in the Chambers and Partners Directory, Legal 500 and the HE and FE Financial Yearbooks.

We have a national full service education team with over 75 lawyers dedicated to finding solutions for the challenges that Higher and Further Education Institutions, Government Departments, private sector bodies, schools and academies face, both on a local and international basis.

Our knowledge and expertise is wide-ranging including: international and national collaborations, mergers, joint ventures, procurement, TUPE and outsourcing, capital projects, public sector pensions, governance, industrial relations, reorganisations, diversity, student and immigration issues.

Innovation in our sector

Our clients look for an innovative and forward-thinking approach from their legal advisers, and we are always committed to finding new ways of improving our services.

Higher Education

Anticipating a significant trend in the sector, in 2009 Eversheds, in collaboration with UUK, published 'International Partnerships – A legal guide for UK Universities'. The guide was designed to help UK universities remain attractive when pitted against their overseas competitors in seeking to attract potential students and research collaborators.

Further Education

Purposive Governance is the authoritative text on FE Governance and our 'Governance Subscription Service' is the go to service for college corporations and clerks for all governance matters. It generates approximately £100,000 a year and currently has 63 standard members and 133 Plus members who have access to a 24 hour, seven days a week helpline service supported by governance specialists.

Academies

A key component of the Government's Education strategy, academies are an innovative and often controversial alternative to the traditional model of secondary education. Working with the DCSF, Local Authorities, project managers and sponsors on PFI, procurement, HR and operational issues, our specialist academies team has established over 60 academy schools.



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Did you know?

- 1 We act for 100 Higher Education Institutions and 200 Further Education Institutions across the UK** – more than double any other law firm in the sector. The sector group generates more than £13m in revenue each year.
- 2 Confidence in our sector expertise through independent testimony** – Chambers rates us at number one and quotes that our team “does not sit on the fence, but gives clear direction and inspires confidence”. Independent, detailed surveys carried out in 2009 show that 100% of education clients would recommend us to their peers.
- 3 Consistency** – the team is a stable and consistent one. The education team here has worked together over many years.
- 4 More ranked experts than any other law firm** – six members of our education team are recognised as experts by Chambers.
- 5 A commercial focus** – we have a commanding lead in advising on mergers, joint ventures and international collaborations across the sector. 91% of clients surveyed felt that Eversheds demonstrated appropriate commercial acumen.
- 6 An influential law firm** – we interpret and advise on current law and influence future law. We have strategic relationships with the stakeholders in the development of education law, including: AURIL, PraxisUNICO, AoC, BUFDG, UHR, AHUA, UUK, UCEA and LSIS.
- 7 Global connections, local commitment** – we provide a full legal service globally, with offices in 29 countries. 100% of our education clients agreed that our education team were accessible when required.
- 8 Private sector** – being at the cutting edge of sector developments the group saw its revenue from advising private sector providers increase by nearly 200% in the last financial year.
- 9 Security and reliability** – we provide tailored advice to Higher and Further Education Institutions, schools, academies, and other education bodies – with defined experts in each sector. We are able to respond to changing policy as a result of this broad ranging expertise.
- 10 Cost certainty** – our project management tools are designed to deliver transparency and certainty. Our pricing menu is flexible and tailored towards the level of advice and risk associated with a client’s legal requirements.

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