



## The UK Legal 500 – 2011 edition (Yorkshire and the Humber)

A survey of the country's top 500 law firms has once again recognised Rollits as one of the leading commercial law firms in the region. The number of areas of recommendation for the firm has also increased this year.

The Legal 500 directory is one of the UK's leading legal directories and is widely regarded as the "Bible of the Legal Profession" in the UK. It features independent editorial and recommendations of law firms and lawyers across different practice areas. The latest edition has just been published and Rollits received acknowledgement as a leading practitioner in 20 separate areas of law.

Rollits featured strongly in its core practice areas and was recommended for its work and expertise across a wide range of sector specialisms from charities and construction through to planning and education in Yorkshire and the Humber. The publication recognised the firm's expertise in company and commercial, commercial litigation and employment by awarding it a top-tier ranking in these areas of law.

### Corporate and commercial

#### Corporate and commercial (East Yorkshire and the Humber)

Rollits LLP is a first tier firm

The 'first-class team' at Rollits LLP is recommended for its 'food industry experience' and 'responsive and proactive' service. Significant deals in 2010 included the acquisition of Hull City FC, representing Assem and Ehab Allam. Steve Trynka and Keith Benton head the department, and York-based Richard Frogson is 'trusted implicitly'.

### Dispute resolution

#### Commercial litigation (East Yorkshire and the Humber)

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Rollits LLP's practice is led by George Coyle and Ralph Gilbert, and is popular with clients in the food and motor sectors. Areas of expertise include product liability defence, shareholder disputes and warranty claims. Its reputation also extends to contentious insolvency and recovery work.

### Finance

#### Banking and finance

Rollits LLP advises banks and businesses on secured lending and other matters. Richard Field 'provides good-quality support'.

#### Insolvency and corporate recovery

Rollits LLP's Ralph Gilbert is very experienced in insolvency, particularly contentious matters.

### Human resources

#### Employment (East Yorkshire)

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The team at Rollits LLP, led by Neil Maidment, has recently been advising on various business restructuring and redundancy exercises as well as TUPE matters. Active clients include the University of Lincoln, Hull College and ActionAid.

### Health and safety

The team at Rollits LLP works for major housing associations and educational establishments as well as SMEs. Chris Platts is the practice head.

### Pensions

Rollits LLP counts GHB (Holding) Ltd as a client.

### Private client

#### Agriculture and estates

Rollits LLP recently acted for Bishop Burton College and Yorkshire Bank's agriculture team. Neil Franklin and John Lane are recommended.

### Charities

Clients of Rollits LLP include The Peabody Trust and The Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust, and the universities of Hull and Lincoln. The team provides 'an excellent service at all times', and has an excellent level of knowledge'. Associate Gerry Morrison leads the team and is recommended for her 'clarity and knowledge'.

### Family

#### (North, South and East Yorkshire)

The team at Rollits LLP, led by the 'constructive' Sheridan Ball, is part of the firm's dispute resolution practice, and works on high-value cases.

#### Personal tax, trusts and probate

The team at Rollits LLP provides estate and planning advice to high-net-worth clients, and is also regularly instructed to draft bespoke wills.

### Public sector

#### Education

Associate Gerry Morrison leads the team at Rollits LLP, which acts for significant clients including Leeds City College and the University of Hull.

### Real estate

#### Commercial property (North and East Yorkshire)

Rollits LLP is appreciated for its 'technical and practical knowledge of the sector' and its 'excellent business acumen'. Neil Franklin heads the team, which advises across multiple sectors.

### Construction

#### Planning

Under the leadership of Mark Dixon, Rollits LLP enjoys an enviable reputation. Highlights in 2010 included acting for The Kingswood Parks Development Company in relation to forward planning, planning agreement and infrastructure advice for its 600-acre mixed-use site in north Hull.

### Property litigation

#### Social housing

Rollits LLP's clients include the Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust and Yorkshire Housing. Douglas Oliver is the key partner contact.

### TMT (technology, media and telecoms)

#### Intellectual property

The 'very good' team at Rollits LLP advises major UK companies including Fenner plc and Cranswick plc, and charities including the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. In 2010 it advised Green Planet Solutions on rights assignment and licence negotiations. The 'knowledgeable' Keith Benton leads the team.

### IT and telecoms

Rollits LLP advises on software and hosted solutions and data protection matters. Leeds City College and Aunt Bessie's are key clients.

### Media and entertainment

Keith Benton's team at Rollits LLP advises Aunt Bessie's Limited, Childwatch and Headland Multimedia.

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