

Welcome to ManchesMomentum



I am delighted to introduce the first issue of *ManchesMomentum*, our newsletter, which we hope will inform you about some of the interesting work we have been involved in, tell you about our corporate social responsibility activities and provide a round-up of news about our firm.

This is an exciting time for Manches as we continue to grow in the Thames Valley. The strength of our established Oxford office and expansion of our new Reading office allows us to offer a full range of legal services from Oxford, Reading and London, giving clients and contacts in the Thames Valley and beyond a competitive, high quality alternative to existing law firms.

I hope you find the content interesting and we look forward to continuing to work with you.

Richard Smith
Managing Partner

“One of the most prominent firms in Oxford, Manches also has an office in Reading. It has developed a clear profile that marks it out from the competition.”

Chambers and Partners 2010

Manches expands in Reading



We are pleased to announce that we are expanding our Reading office, moving a permanent team of ten lawyers into new offices in Davidson House in Forbury Square.

The team, led by corporate partner Justin Starling, will focus on Manches' core strengths in corporate, venture capital, banking and finance, technology/ intellectual property, IT, commercial, real estate and employment. The team will also offer Manches' highly regarded private client and family law services.

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Recent work highlights

London Underground

Our ongoing role as a panel firm for London Underground and Transport for London has seen us advising those clients on a number of major development projects, both infrastructure-driven and commercially based. We have acted on the design, development and property agreements for the London Underground interface with Network Rail's Thameslink upgrade project, involving the complete reconstruction of Blackfriars station and major works at Farringdon and London Bridge.

We have acted for London Underground on the redevelopment of the Underground station concourse at Cannon Street station as part of the Hines group's 400,000sq foot Cannon Place office project. We are also working for Transport for London and London Underground on the complex interfaces between Network Rail's and the Sellar group's developments at London Bridge and the bus and underground stations at that location. All these high value projects have involved the Manches team in complex multi-party negotiations, applying our knowledge of the highly regulated world of public transport infrastructure, handling complex property arrangements, and taking a very practical approach to the solution of the difficulties that arise.

British Energy

Working with British Energy, part of EDF Energy, to advise on issues affecting its nuclear power station at Hartlepool and arising from the dredging of the Tees Estuary by an adjoining landowner. The work was particularly sensitive for British Energy as it relies on water from the Estuary for cooling purposes. Any negative impact on cooling arising from the dredging could ultimately have had major consequences for the operation of the station and adverse financial consequences for the company.

Grundon Waste Management

Working closely with Grundon to advise on a wide range of employment issues. Recent work highlights include the successful defence of an employment tribunal claim and providing training to managers on conducting disciplinary and grievance procedures.

Science and Technology Facilities Council

We recently acted for the Science and Technology Facilities Council in connection with the acquisition of the long leasehold interest in the Electron building at the Harwell Science and Innovation Campus. The building will contribute to the work of the International Space Innovation Centre, a project which has links to the new UK Space Agency. Once again the transaction saw the concept of Team Manches coming into force with lawyers from our property, property litigation, employment and projects teams advising on the deal.

Veryan Medical

Acting for Veryan Medical on its recent Series 'B' funding of £3.6m by an investor consortium of Seroba Kernel Life Sciences Limited, Imperial Innovations, Oxford Capital Partners and the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (NESTA). Veryan is developing a novel stent platform technology which generates physiological swirling blood flow.

Mettoni Group

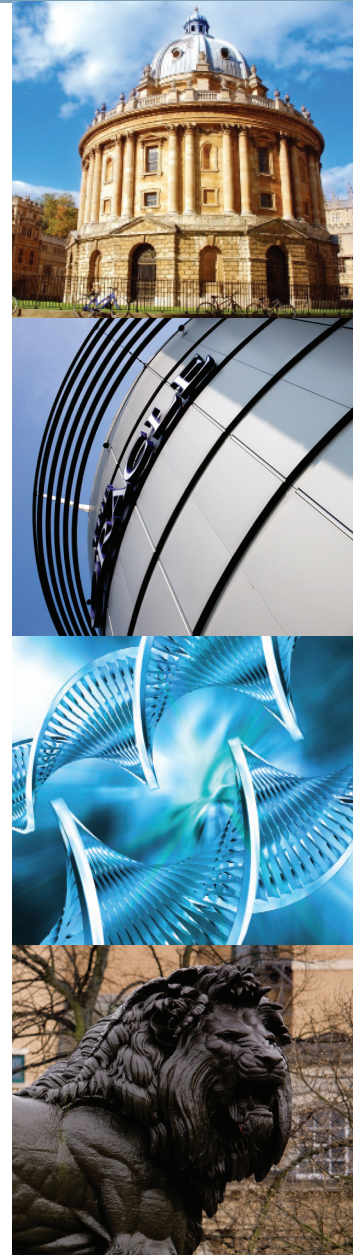
Acting for the shareholders on the sale of the Mettoni Group and its subsidiary companies, which includes Datapulse, Arc Solutions and Exxcom, to listed Canadian company Enghouse Systems Limited for approximately US\$23m.

Mount Green Housing Association

Acting for Mount Green Housing Association in connection with its £47m term and revolving facility agreement with the Royal Bank of Scotland.

"An excellent reputation in the Thames Valley for extremely diligent and keenly priced services."

Legal 500 2008



Manches' CSR activities

We believe that business behaviour must be socially responsible and that businesses should take account of the impact of their activities on the economy, society and the environment. We aspire to make a positive impact in the community in which we operate and to minimise our impact on the environment.

We organise our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities into three main areas:

1. Community
2. Environment and climate change
3. Workplace



CSR highlights include:

- Professional and pro-bono activities including taking on six cases per year through the Environmental Law Foundation.
- Sponsoring the Children International Arts Organisation's Ark Project which brings together scientists, artists and children to imagine a low carbon future and its potential benefits to the environment and society, culminating in the spectacular construction of an Ark (which had pride of place at the recent Edinburgh Fringe Festival).
- Supporting local charities, including Helen and Douglas House, Sobell House Hospice Charity, SeeSaw, Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance, Oxford Children's Hospital, Hearing Dogs, Pathway Workshop and Connect Reading.
- Reducing our carbon footprint and promoting recycling within our offices.
- Joining the Legal Sector Alliance in 2009 to measure, manage and reduce the impact of our operations and integrate the awareness of climate change across our business.

"Sources say, 'their lawyers care about our company as much as we do'."

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Forthcoming events

28 September 2010 – Manches Oxford Property breakfast seminar

7 October 2010 – Manches Reading Property breakfast seminar

“Landlord and Tenant Covenants Act 1995”

Manches Oxford Office and Green Park, Reading

20 October 2010 – Joint Employment Seminar with Allen Associates

“Social Networking in the Workplace” Milton Park Innovation Centre, Abingdon

October 2010 – Technology event with James Cowper LLP

Further details to be confirmed, Reading

23 November 2010 – Sustainability event with the Country Land Association

Further details to be confirmed, Manches Oxford Office

For further details please go to www.manches.com/events or contact Rachael Kemp at rachael.kemp@manches.com

And don't forget our ManchesPLUS events...

MANCHES PLUS⁺ is a seminar series specifically designed for in-house lawyers. We run 3 or 4 half day seminars plus lunchtime workshops and webinars each year, specifically tailored for a legally qualified audience. These events provide plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion on relevant topics, as well as the chance to network with other in-house lawyers.

The next event will be on 12 October in Reading, further details can be found on our website.

“Opening a Reading office has enabled the team to diversify its client base and during the past twelve months it has won numerous new clients.”

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Manches strengthens its Thames Valley private client practice



We are delighted to announce the appointment of Anna Burnside as head of our private client practice in the region. Anna will work alongside Tom Gilman, trust and estate planning partner and three other lawyers, in driving forward and developing our private client services.

Anna is well known in the Thames Valley having, until recently, been head of the private client practice in Thomas Eggar's Newbury office and as a Coroner for Berkshire. Anna qualified in 1993 with Manches in London and joined Penningtons Solicitors LLP in 1996, moving to Thomas Eggar LLP following their merger with Penningtons' Newbury office in 2007. Her assistant solicitor, Fiona Wheeler and secretary Elaine Ratcliffe have also joined Manches, effectively doubling the size of the team.

Anna brings with her a wealth of experience in all aspects of private client work, specialising in wills and trusts, probate, tax planning, Court of Protection work and charities.

And finally...



Congratulations to James Howarth, an associate in our Technology and Media Department, who came up with the name *ManchesMomentum* for our newsletter. James wins a much deserved bottle of Champagne.

