

Shoosmiths - Overview

Facts and figures

- One of the UK's largest law firms with eight offices, 115 partners and more than 1,200 personnel
- Number 28 in the UK (The Lawyer UK 200, 2009)
- £99m turnover for the financial year to April 2009
- Shoosmiths is ranked 14th by number of UK and European M&A deals between 2004 and 2007 (Legal Week UK, National Law Firm M&A Rankings November 2007)
- Shoosmiths is ranked 11th in the UK for planning law advice (Planning Magazine legal survey April 2009)
- A top 20 law firm for real estate in The Lawyer Top 100 survey
- Shortlisted as "The Company Secretary's favourite Law Firm" in the Chambers and Partners AoB Awards 2007
- Best Brand in Practice Award winner at the MPF 2007 European Practice Management Awards
- Named Best Corporate Citizen at the MPF 2007 European Practice Management Awards
- Winner of Quality of Life Award at the Law Society Excellence Awards 2007
- In the independently researched Top Legal Employers United Kingdom 2009 from Sweet & Maxwell, Shoosmiths is top ranked in two criteria: Diversity and People, Company Culture & Style. We are also ranked within the top 10 in a further five out of eight categories which assess the most progressive and dynamic law firms in the UK
- Highly Commended in the National Business Awards in The Investors in People Outstanding Workplace of the Year category August 2007
- We achieved the highest score of national firms and came third overall in a lawyer satisfaction survey of the top 50 UK law firms conducted by Legal Week Intelligence in 2009. We were the only firm to score an 8 for work/life reality and our qualified lawyers scored highly for co-operation and teamwork
- Established 1845
- Early achievers of ISO 9001 accreditation
- Investors in People

Our place in the legal market

Shoosmiths is one of the UK's fastest-growing national law firms offering great value and a network of offices that puts our high quality service close to you. Our success has attracted some of the 'brightest and best' lawyers in the country who want to build their careers with us. This in turn has ensured our clients receive the very best legal advice from people they enjoy working with.

Our clients choose us for our ability to combine closer working relationships with City quality advice. We view ourselves as that little bit different - not in what we do (like many others we are a full service law firm with strength and depth) - but the way we do it - combining professional expertise with a personalised approach, to deliver valued legal services for all our clients.

What makes us different

- We run our firm like a business - Shoosmiths is a progressive, forward-thinking law firm with a real spirit of enterprise
- We really value our people - giving them the freedom, recognition and support to succeed
- Our clients enjoy working with us - we are open, accessible and easy to work with

Our clients benefit from:

Better value - our experience of high-volume as well as high-value legal work helps us to be more efficient and results in lower costs

Best answers - we'll provide down to earth legal advice which makes business sense

Less hassle - clear communication, rapid solutions and a more enjoyable partnership between us