

The Things That Matter.

Mishcon Private

Mishcon Private is different to other Private Client offerings. While they focus on money and wealth preservation, we understand that our clients' lives go way beyond the financial. Private lives can be about the dynamics and politics of families and family life, family businesses, personal relationships, reputations, property & homes, personal assets, legacy... in short, the things that matter most. And if it keeps our clients awake at night, it matters to us.

That's why we've created the Private Ecosystem. Our unique way of looking after our clients' lives in the round, a complete and holistic approach to helping them, as trusted advisor, confidante and lawyer.

For these reasons our lawyers' expertise - and the Ecosystem's - cover every conceivable topic. From traditional areas such as tax and wealth planning, trusts, wills and probate to defusing a family feud, buying a Dutch master or relocating to the other side of the world.

If litigation is necessary, our litigators' expertise straddles family, business and multijurisdictional disputes. Whatever the matter we aim to resolve it with minimum fuss.

When clients need expertise that extends beyond the legal, the Ecosystem can call on a network of other professionals: strategic communications advisors, private bankers, private investigators, educational consultants, accountants, family offices, counsellors, and therapists.

Being entrusted with our clients' most personal matters is a privilege that we never take for granted. The Private Ecosystem makes sure that we handle them better than any other law firm.



Art Law

Collecting can be a lifetime passion. But owning, managing and creating art brings obligations and responsibilities, such as reputation and legacy, the protection of cultural heritage and financial planning. We advise across the entire spectrum of contentious and non-contentious art-related matters with a history of successes in high profile, politically sensitive matters that reflects an ability to act swiftly and with the utmost discretion.

Education

We often advise individuals and institutions on all kinds of education matters: from parental & student complaints to student conduct, employment, immigration, reputation, IP and competition.

ESG and Purpose

Integrating expert lawyers across all our practice areas, professionals within our MDR Group businesses and trusted sector experts, we offer seamless, integrated and bespoke advice that allows our clients to navigate the interconnected areas of purpose, sustainability, and ESG that grow more important by the day.

Extradition and Asylum

Set against the rise of extradition as an opaque, politically motivated tool of governments, we have developed a team of experts in resisting extradition requests for out-of-favour individuals that infringe human rights. We recognise that state-sponsored corporate raiding is often the catalyst for such “criminal investigations” and that governmental change can lead to individuals being targeted through no fault of their own.

Family

Protecting the interests of families through all life stages lies at the heart of what we do. Whether it is advising on inter-generational wealth preservation or dealing with relationship breakdown, we appreciate the complexity that wealth brings and respond with advice that while it is robust seeks to minimise acrimony and given the high-profile status of many of our clients is always discreet.

Family Governance

In partnership with our colleagues at MDR Mayfair, we work with families to understand their aims, values, concerns, relationships and capabilities and help them to build a vision of the future. The result: a Family Charter, a ‘rule book’ that sets out a family’s expectations of each other; how they will resolve any future disputes; and how the family’s legacy will continue to be passed down through the generations.

Family Offices

We help family offices navigate the regulatory, reputational and personal complexities of wealth; secure assets; avert or manage crises; assess options and shape possibilities. Robust structures are required to secure assets, ensure compliance and protect reputations. We are experts in establishing the structures required to do this, and providing all the other Trustee, Director and Protector services that our clients might need.

Immigration

Immigration solutions give our clients the option to internationalise their lives beyond their countries of origin, for instance taking up residency in more tax efficient jurisdictions or allowing family members to relocate for education, business, or lifestyle reasons. Much of our work is for high-net-worth individuals, via our multinational team which is equipped with all the cultural and linguistic fluency that our clients expect.

Landed Estates

Understanding the interplay between family and business wealth is a feature of our rich history of advising on land and property needs, whether for long-established land-owning families, institutions or individuals, in the UK or overseas. We are also heavily involved in the horseracing industry and grasp the technical issues that concern rural landlords and tenants. The result: bespoke solutions for each client’s business.

Luxury Assets

Whether it’s a racehorse, a diamond, or an island, clients are passionate about their luxury assets. We do everything we can to safeguard and protect these assets often advising on a wide range of issues. This could be an acquisition, a sale or loan, restructuring ownership of an investment, wealth planning, lending against assets, settling in trust, administering an estate, or resolving a dispute.

Philanthropy and Charities

Our Charities practice is founded on deep expertise in tax and wealth planning, reputation protection and charity leadership, and we are particularly well-known for our work for high and ultra-high net worth individuals. Cross-departmental expertise ensures charities and NFPs operate as commercially as they can.

Politics and Law

With a long history of involvement in public causes, political disputes and legal affairs, advising on the relationship between politics and the law is in our DNA. It has allowed us to build connections in government, with policy makers, political parties and activists: an extensive network that we can allow our clients to draw on and find solutions to their own matters.

Private Commercial Litigation

The litigators Mishcon Private understand that it is the personal nature of a dispute that shapes the client’s response. So, while the latter faces many of the same issues as directors and shareholders of listed companies, it is the personal damage that private clients look to us to stem. Our goal is always to resolve these issues speedily, practically, and with an eye to getting the business back on track as soon as possible.

Private Wealth Disputes

Understanding how issues around inheritance, wills, trusts or mental capacity and dementia can test family relations, is why we have one of the UK’s largest Private Wealth Disputes teams: experienced, empathetic and equipped to navigate our clients through these sensitive situations in any jurisdiction around the world.

Residential Property

One of the largest dedicated residential property practices in London, specialising in transactions both in Prime London and the surrounding areas. Clients include private individuals, banks, corporates and investment funds, forging successful relations and deals between them and the sector’s most important players - agents, private estates and developers.

Reputation Protection and Crisis Management

For decades we have been defending reputations, both publicly and discreetly. This is even more challenging in the digital era. We are experts in tackling and preventing unwarranted attacks, including securing injunctions to prevent the misuse of private information and the spread of fake news, as well as challenging defamatory content and harassing behaviour, and defusing personal and corporate disputes.

Tax and Wealth Structuring

Maximising wealth while meeting UK, US and international tax requirements is often important to clients. They also want to preserve their privacy, protect their assets, and safeguard their reputations and family’s values. We work with them to manage and navigate these potentially conflicting objectives with bespoke, big picture solutions that embrace the short, medium and long-term.

Trusts and Estates

Specialist estate administration and probate lawyers bring the experience and expertise that families, executors, beneficiaries and trustees depend on following a death. It is often complex, high-profile and multi-jurisdictional work. From managing the entire day-to-day administration of an estate to providing strategic advice on relevant tax issues, we make sure a family’s inheritance is protected now and in the future.