

Announcement...

13th March 2013

The Partners of Morlings are pleased to announce that as of the 2nd April 2013 the practice will be incorporated into the practice of Hatten Wyatt.

Morlings Solicitors was established in Maidstone over 60 years ago and operate from the centre of Maidstone. The Partners and staff at the firm have built a strong reputation in the area and pride themselves on offering an efficient and approachable service to a loyal client base.

Hatten Wyatt, established in 1844, has undergone significant changes over the past nine years, since the acquisition of the firm by Jasvinder Singh Gill in 2003, including the incorporation of Church Bruce in 2008 and the launch of new services and developments.

The growth and strength of the Hatten Wyatt brand lay testament to the considerable time and effort that the firm has put into developing both the team, resources and service.

The location, reputation and well established roots of Hatten Wyatt further support and enhance Morlings values. The incorporation of Morlings into Hatten Wyatt provides the opportunity to enhance and extend the range of services both firms offer to a far wider area whilst maintaining their high reputation.

Nicholas Steele, Senior Partner at the Morlings office comments *"We are looking forward to working with the team at Hatten Wyatt who are as enthusiastic and committed to the service they provide as we are here at Morlings."*

Both firms will continue trading under their respective trading names and will remain in their current locations with Hatten Wyatt's office located in Windmill Street, Gravesend and Morlings Solicitors in King Street, Maidstone.

Mr Gill, Senior Partner at Hatten Wyatt comments *"This is an exciting time for both Morlings and Hatten Wyatt and we look forward to further strengthening our relationships with both our colleagues and clients"*

The depth of services and experience available will be further enhanced with a team of 24 fee earners, nine of which are Partners, and increased benefits to our clients:

- Business Services
- Charities
- Civil Liberties
- Civil Litigation
- Commercial Property
- Company Commercial
- Complete Legal Care
- Court of Protection
- Crime
- Debt Recovery
- Employment
- Family
- Immigration & Emigration
- Licensing
- Mediation
- Personal Injury
- Probate
- Professional Negligence
- Residential Conveyancing
- Powers of Attorney
- Trusts
- Wills

Both offices have been awarded Mediation Contracts by the Legal Services Commission.

Further information on this can be found on the Hatten Wyatt website:

www.hatten-wyatt.com



Meet the Partners...



Mr J S Gill LL.B (Hons) LL.M, Senior Partner

Mr Gill read Law at the University of East London graduating with an LL.B (Hons) in 1995 and undertook the Legal Practice Course at the College of Law in 1996. In 1997 Mr Gill read International, Commercial & European Law at Sheffield University graduating with an LL.M in 1997. Mr Gill qualified in 1999 with Lucas & Co and in 2003 joined Hatten Wyatt as Senior Partner where he then managed the incorporation of Church Bruce with Hatten Wyatt in 2008. Mr Gill undertook the Diploma in Notarial Practice at Cambridge University graduating in 2010. In May 2011 Mr Gill became Partner in Hatten Wyatt Notaries LLP and then went on to become President of Gravesend & District Law Society and launched Complete Legal Care from Hatten Wyatt in April 2011.

His main practice areas are business services, civil litigation and employment. He is the Partner with overall responsibility for the Firm.



Miss K du Rocher LL.B (Hons), Partner

Ms du Rocher qualified as a Solicitor in 1988 after reading Law at Newcastle Upon Tyne University and undertaking her Solicitor finals (as they were known at the time) at the College of Law, Chancery Lane in 1986. Ms du Rocher became a Partner in 1990 until 2001 at a well-respected law firm and then joined Hatten Wyatt in September 2004 where she became a Partner the following year.

Her main practice areas are Commercial and Residential Property, Lasting Powers of Attorney and Court of Protection. She is the Partner responsible for the Property Department.



Mr J Cripps BSc (Hons), Partner

Julian qualified as a Solicitor in 1978 after graduating from Birmingham University and taking the Law Society qualifying exams. He has always dealt with a wide range of non-contentious matters, initially with a firm which specialised in personal injury defendant work, then ran a branch office for a number of years in the West Midlands before returning to Kent in 1986 to join Morlings where he became a Partner in 1990. He currently specialises in Residential Conveyancing, Wills, Probate and Lasting Powers of Attorney.



Mr N Steele, Partner

Nicholas Steele was admitted as a solicitor in 1975 after attending the College of Law and passing the Law Society Qualifying Examinations and serving his articles of clerkship at Morlings joining the firm in 1967.

He became a Partner in Morlings in 1980 and specialises in Commercial and Residential property.



Mr K Middleton, Partner

Keith Middleton qualified as a solicitor in 1985 and has been a Partner since 1995. He undertakes all aspects of criminal law and motoring offences. He is a member of the Solicitors Association of Higher Court Advocates and Criminal Law Solicitors' Association.

He is a duty solicitor for the Maidstone area and a Legal Services Commission accredited Supervisor for the unified Criminal Contract.



Miss A Croud BA (Hons), Partner

Miss Croud read English at Exeter University, qualifying in a BA (Hons). Subsequently Miss Croud undertook the Solicitor's Final Exams at College of Law, Chancery Lane, London in 1986 following which she secured articles with Emmerson Brown and Brown, qualifying in 1988. Miss Croud joined Hatten Wyatt's Family Department in 1999 and became the Partner in the department in September 2004. Further to Miss Croud's credit, she was amongst the first Solicitors to be admitted to The Law Society's Family Panel, and is also currently a member of Resolution (formerly Solicitor's Family Law Association) and an Advanced Member of the Law Society's Family Law Panel.

She is the Partner responsible for the Family & Children Departments.



Miss S Williams LL.B (Hons), Partner

Miss Williams read law at the University of Wales, Cardiff College, graduating with an LLB (Hons) in 1995. Miss Williams then attended at the Inns of Court School of Law, being a member of Lincoln's Inn, and was called to the Bar in 1996. Subsequently, Miss Williams was employed at Simmons & Simmons in their Litigation Department.

Miss Williams joined Hewitt Burroughs criminal department in 1999 where she completed the Qualified Lawyers Transfer Test and was admitted to the Roll in 2001. Miss Williams joined Hatten Wyatt's criminal department in 2002 and became head of the Criminal Department in 2006 and a Partner in July 2007. Miss Williams is the Partner responsible for the Criminal and Immigration Departments.



Mr R Giles, Partner

Mr Giles read Humanities (French, English and philosophy) at the then Huddersfield Polytechnic and then studied Law in Birmingham, where he gained his professional qualifications. Mr Giles took articles at High and Company in Cheshire and qualified as a solicitor in 1990. He then went on to practice in the field of Civil Litigation at two firms in the North West of England, including three years specialising in the area of child abuse claims.

In 2004 Mr Giles joined Church Bruce as an Associate Solicitor and then went on to become an Associate Solicitor at Hatten Wyatt followed by Partner in 2010.

Mr Giles is the Partner responsible for Civil Litigation, personal injury, estate disputes, debt recovery and employment.



Mr S Yousif, Partner

Mr Yousif studied Law at the University of East London from 1995 until 1998 and went on to undertake the Legal Practice course at the University of Westminster from 2005 until 2006. In July 2009 he was admitted as a Solicitor by The Law Society. Mr Yousif gained his experience working within the field of corporate law for one of the UK's largest telecommunication companies and via a number of notable law firms. From 2007 until 2012 Mr Yousif was a Solicitor at Kaslers and then went on to join Hatten Wyatt in 2012 where he then became a Partner in 2013.

Mr Yousif is the Partner responsible for Company Commercial law.

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