



Michael Shapiro

Description

Michael joined Silver Law LLP in September 2019 as a Partner, having previously been a Partner in a number of well-regarded City firms. He has over 35 years experience as a commercially focused property Lawyer working in the City of London, and he headed up the Property Team at Silver Law prior to the merger with Fletcher Day. He was particularly keen on encouraging the team to develop their own business and to broaden their experience, thus enabling them to fulfil their potential.

His client base is mainly property companies, property investors, high net worth individuals and overseas companies and trusts as well as occupiers of properties. He advises on all aspects of commercial property for both landlord and tenant including acquisitions, disposals, letting, portfolio management and dealing with the requirements of occupiers. Michael has relationships with asset managers and commercial property agents built up over a number of years, and is often asked to liaise with other professionals on specific property projects.

He has loyal and long standing client base and contact following, some of whom have been instructing him regularly for at least twenty years. He specialises in dealing with transactions for overseas companies who have business interests in the UK requiring premises, and he has a particular niche in the bespoke office furniture business. He also deals with the acquisition of buildings to be converted into serviced office centres, as well as the acquisition and disposal of units on business parks and large shed warehouses.

He has spent much of the past eighteen months advising both landlords and tenants about the break notice provisions within their leases and negotiating deeds of variation and reversionary leases to reflect the deals that are being done to keep commercial buildings occupied.

He also acts for clients on residential matters, particularly for long standing and regular clients who are high-net-worth individuals .

Michael regularly appeared on Silver Law webinars and has written articles for the website and other publications, including the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry monthly magazine.

Michael loves the City of London where has spent most of his working life. He enjoys wandering around the City, marvelling at the juxtaposition of old and modern buildings. He is a Freeman of the City of London, and Senior Warden of the Worshipful Company of World Traders. He is also an elected public governor of Hertfordshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. He is an avid reader of books about modern history and politics, and enjoys walking, especially along Cornish clifftop paths.

Publications & Articles:

[Some Brexit Day Thoughts On The Property Market](#)

[Michael was interviewed for The Times about partnerships with SME businesses](#)

Recommendations:

Michael has been mentioned in Chambers Directory and the Legal 500, and described as “very high calibre...combining property expertise with a strong commercial background”