

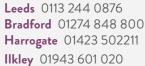
We are proud to receive significant recognition from clients and peers in the market to be ranked by The Legal 500 year after year.

By choosing LCF Law, clients, prospective recruits and existing colleagues can be confident that they have chosen a practice recognised as one of the best in the region.









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#### **WE ARE LCF**

LCF Law came into being in 1988. The business has grown to become an established member of the Yorkshire legal community.

The firm has offices in Leeds, Bradford, Harrogate & Ilkley.

We understand the importance of listening to our clients and those with whom we work to understand the issues and their objectives. We manage clients' expectations and their journey with us to ensure their needs are met and the predicted outcome is achieved.

We recognise that the difference between one law firm and another is the people who make up the law firm.

We support all our colleagues in their career development and maximising their potential. We aim to meet colleagues' aspirations for personal development and career progression, whether members of our legal teams or support staff. We value hard work and commitment but also recognise everyone has a life away from the office.

Happy lawyers are better lawyers. Colleagues who feel respected and appreciated, better support their colleagues and our customers.

#### Our colleagues are the core of LCF



#### Simon Stell

Managing Partner LCF Law www.lcf.co.uk

#### Some of our achievements:







#### **OUR MISSION**

To deliver legal services which meet or exceed client expectations.

To communicate clearly, listen to our clients and act in accordance with agreed instructions, timescales, and costs.

#### **WE STAND FOR**

LCF

#### Listen

We listen to you as to the issues you face and the matters important to you.

#### Communicate

We communicate clearly and regularly with you. We provide clear practical advice.

#### **Facilitate**

We facilitate the agreed actions to meet your objectives in accordance with instructions within agreed timescales, and budgets.



To be the best law firm to work with. To help our team to fulfil their potential and our clients to achieve their goals.

#### **OUR VALUES**

#### Quick witted

We're on the ball and find ways to make the law work for our clients.

#### Insightful experts

We know the law, and we know what we're talking about.

#### Open and friendly

We aim to walk in our clients' shoes.

#### Up front and plain speaking

We don't hide behind jargon or hidden fees. We make the complex simple.

#### Trustworthy

We keep our promises.



## WE ARE NOT LIKE OTHER LAW FIRMS.

LCF is a family; you will have a sense of belonging.

#### **INFORMATION SHARING:**

 We are ambitious and have big plans for growth. Everyone who joins us has a part in our journey.

#### **REWARD AND RECOGNITION:**

 If you are motivated, enthusiastic and want to be part of our team there is no limit to your pathway to progress. You will not be pigeon-holed or prevented from making your mark. You can rise to the top.

#### **EMPOWERMENT:**

- At LCF we engage with our colleagues and listen. Everyone can make a difference – we value our people and want to hear what they have to say about the future development of the firm.
- We have visibility in our teams that
  means you are seen and... you are heard.
  All colleagues are an essential part of the
  business. We allow you to take the initiative
  and responsibility for your role at LCF whilst
  being supported and mentored.
- We are proud to shout about our diversity and inclusion.

#### **INSTILLING PRIDE:**

- We are passionate to do the right thing for our clients and our people. Our lawyers are proud of the work they do. We provide a professional service with a personal touch, providing all the legal support our clients need as swiftly and simply as possible
- We encourage our people constructively.

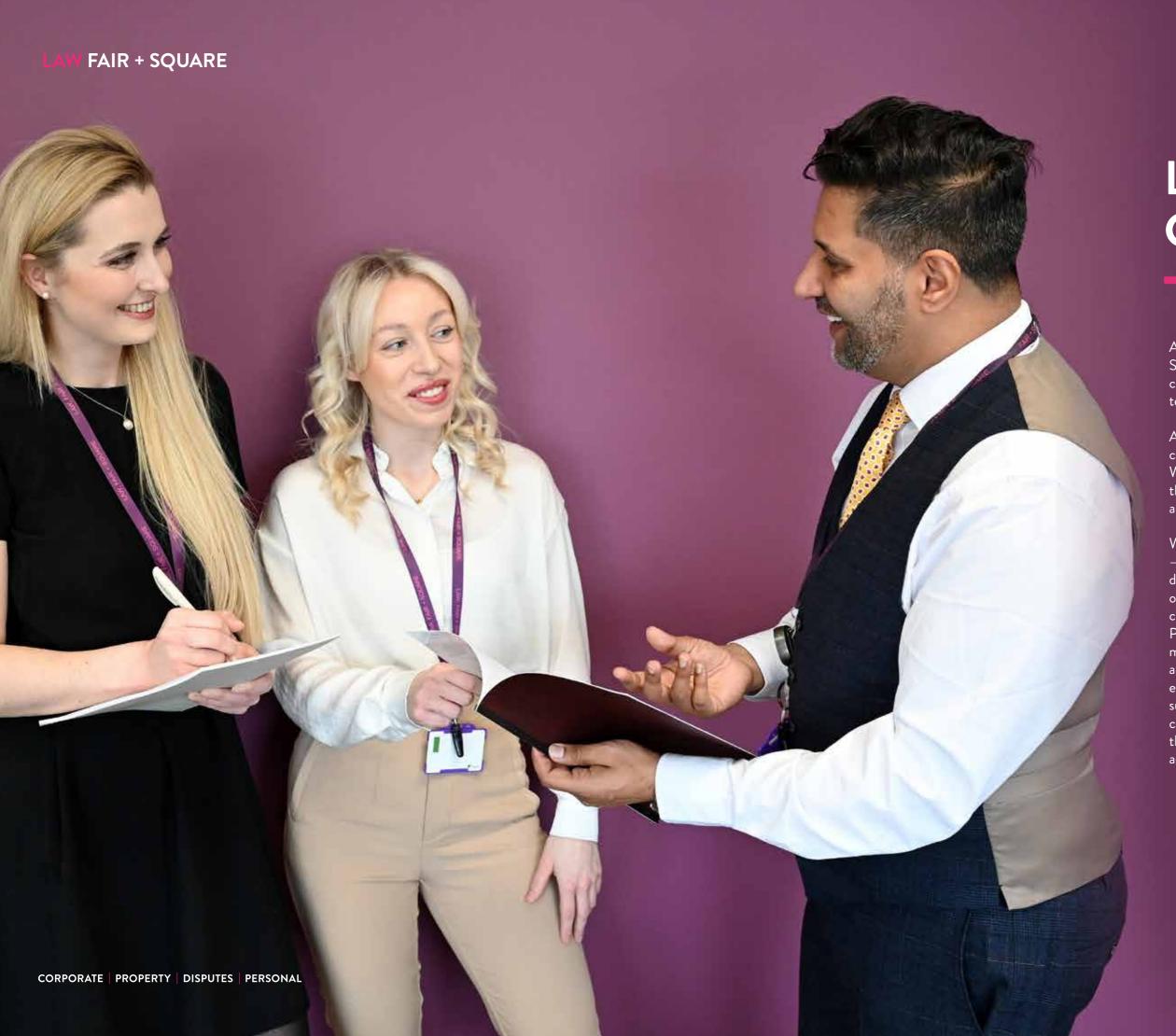
#### **WELLBEING:**

 We want you to have a life! We have embraced hybrid working and we love to hear about your life outside work.

#### **JOB SATISFACTION:**

 We enable our people to be the type of person they want to be – to achieve their ambitions. We do not set barriers.
 That might mean helping colleagues be the type of person they want to be outside of work – we help you achieve your goals.





# LCF CAREER PATHWAY

As part of the LCF Law Mission Statement our aim is to support all colleagues in achieving their potential in terms of abilities and career progression.

At LCF Law we reward colleagues for their contribution and commitment to the firm. We support and mentor all colleagues in their development and education, training, and progression.

We have developed a series of Pathways – guides to behaviours and conduct, that direct colleagues to what is expected of them to reach the next level of their career progression with LCF Law. The Pathways are supported by appropriate mentoring through Departmental Heads and continuing internal and external education and experiences. We recognise supporting the development of all colleagues within LCF gives strength to the firm and helps meet the ambitions and aspirations of colleagues.

#### **LAW FAIR + SQUARE**

#### **PARTNER PATHWAY**

The Partner Pathway first provides guidance in what LCF Lawyers need to achieve to become a partner at LCF and how Partners can progress within the Partnership.

## A Partner needs to provide consistent and clear demonstration of 7 Core Competencies:

- 1. Achieving Results Understanding the business goals and how individual contributions contribute to these.
- 2. Planning Ahead Identifying how to approach work; prioritising and planning work in an organised manner, with awareness of cost and quality issues; monitoring and measuring work progress.
- 3. Teamwork / Team Leadership –
  Participating fully as a team member/
  leader, demonstrating commitment and
  motivation to achieve team objectives and
  performance targets.
- **4.** Influence Using communication and influencing skills to sell ideas or concepts to others both internally and externally.
- 5. Clear Satisfaction Identifying and addressing internal and external customer needs and demonstrating a commitment to a first class level of service in line with agreed standards and measurements.
- 6. Business Development Generating income for the business by attracting new clients and managing existing relationships.
- 7. Way Forward Taking positive action to continuously improve business performance and respond to, or plan and manage, change.







## Hannah

LCF Law and the people who work there have given me the opportunity to achieve my ambitions. In my time at LCF Law I have made some brilliant friends – and was shortlisted for the award of Trainee Solicitor of the Year in 2022.

At school I was always interested in the prospect of a career in law. I wanted to work in an industry that was challenging, but also rewarding.

The offer of an apprenticeship with LCF Law offered the opportunity of hands-on practical training, alongside continuation of my studies.

I completed my Level 3 Civil Litigation Apprenticeship as LCF launched its Solicitors Apprenticeship programme, which gave me the opportunity of career progression to becoming a solicitor.

In 2023, I will complete my studies, and I am due to qualify as a solicitor.

Overall, the two apprenticeships have lasted six years, from starting to qualifying. The key to successful study and completing a Solicitors Apprenticeship is commitment and self-discipline.

Personally, I feel the key to my successful qualification has been the guidance of my colleagues at LCF. I've been lucky enough to also play a part in client work, alongside my colleagues. They are always ready to explain and offer support and guidance.

LCF Law has been my biggest champion. The support, guidance and encouragement from the firm has been brilliant. It is great to know that LCF Law has been behind me every step of the way during my apprenticeship and now (hopefully!) beyond.

The office environment is friendly and supportive. Assistance and guidance are always on hand. Hybrid working is supported by LCF affording me the work/life balance I need. The career opportunities within the firm means LCF Law is somewhere I am hoping to stay.



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## ROLES + RESPONSIBILITIES

For our team

#### You will:

- Be treated fairly and valued for the skills you bring.
- Receive competitive remuneration linked to your contribution.
- Work in a professional, supportive, and social environment.
- Be kept informed about the firm's strategies and plans.
- Undertake quality work.
- Take responsibility for and be trusted to do the tasks allocated to you.
- Realise your potential and develop your career.
- Receive honest, timely feedback on your performance.

And as part of a team

#### We ask you to:

- Work to the best of your ability always.
- Produce high quality work and excellent client service.
- Work with others and share your experience.
- Seek to continually improve your working practices.
- Participate in the development of the firm.
- Respect the people you work with.







## Steven

I was an experienced solicitor and partner when I came to LCF Law. Yet the opportunities and job satisfaction the company provides are way beyond anything I had envisaged. The level of work, range of clients, and sense of collaboration among colleagues are second to none.

Our clients see us as an integral part of their team and business, and we are trusted with significant legal transactions. You certainly feel like you are much more than a cog in a large chain.

My journey in the law began as an assistant solicitor for a practice in Bradford, specialising in commercial property, and I became a partner at the age of 30.

I spent 15 years in-house for Yorkshire Co-operatives, returned to private practice in 2012, and then joined LCF Law in 2020. I had been aware of LCF Law and its great people since my early days as a solicitor.

I had been on the 'other side' of the company on numerous transactions through my career and knew the team to be extremely professional, well organised and dedicated to its clients. From joining the company, I was impressed with the firm's strategy for business development, while meeting clients' needs amid an ever-changing legal landscape. Getting the job done while providing a seamless service to clients resonated with me.

LCF Law has a commitment to commerciality and dedication to achieving successful outcomes for clients, quickly and smoothly.

Dedication and talent are evident throughout the firm, from paralegals to junior partners and beyond. The quality seen across the practice ensures that the firm punches well above its weight.

It is simply a very good place to work, and its ethos and culture are one of support, help and protection. Individuals are encouraged to develop and meet their potential.

There are a range of social events and perks that demonstrate commitment to colleagues. These thoughtful touches make clear the care and commitment that goes into making the working experience at LCF Law pleasurable, happy, and rewarding.

The quality seen across the entire practice and the experts within, ensures that the firm punches well above its weight.





## COMPANY BENEFITS

- Hybrid working.
- Free conveyancing if buying and selling your own home.
- A free Will for you and your spouse\civil partner.
- 15% off other legal work for you and immediate family.
- Full day off for your birthday.
- Perk box and Wellbeing Hub.
- Free fruit, tea, and coffee in all offices.



- Support for individuals in attending any external studies or training.
- Death in Service Benefit (Aviva) – life insurance.
- Westfield Health cash plan:
   This allows you to claim
   money back, up to set limits,
   towards the cost of your
   essential health care. It also
   provides access to valuable
   health and wellbeing services.
   You pay for treatment as
   normal and keep the receipt.
   Submit your claim online
   and receive the money into
   your bank account within two
   working days.
- Westfield rewards exclusive discounts site with hundreds of retailers
- 24 Hour Advice and Information Line through Westfield Health. Whatever the issue, support and advice are just a phone call away. This service gives you access to confidential guidance on medical or domestic issues
- UNUM lifeworks (Employee Assistance Programme).
- Company sick pay scheme.
- Seven hours paid wellbeing leave each year – to be used for medical appointments and alternative therapies

- Perk box and Wellbeing Hub.
- Purchase of additional holiday – up to five days for a full-time colleague.
- Carry over up to 3 days unused holiday to the next financial year.
- Long service awards.
- Social Christmas party, Annual summer BBQ (family members welcome), wellbeing events.

### WE RESPECT THE INDIVIDUAL

We look after the wellbeing of all our colleagues whether physical or mental.

We have 12 trained and accredited Mental Health First Aiders throughout the firm as part of that support network.

We were shortlisted for an award at the Yorkshire Post Excellence in Business Awards 2021 for our work in this area. The wellbeing roadmap is set each year with new active initiative for all to enjoy and get involved in.





## Hana

Life at LCF Law involves working with colleagues who are both supportive and motivated. It is also a very friendly place to work, with plenty of career progression opportunities. Our hybrid working policies help us to achieve high quality results for our clients.

I completed my training contract with Kuits Solicitors in Manchester and I qualified into private client work along with completing a STEP Diploma in trust and estates, achieving a distinction.

After five years in June 2020, I moved to LCF Law – a growing, modern firm with a good client base and firm connections in the region. The company is forward-thinking and wanting to go places.

I am very happy here. There is a great culture, varied and interesting work and a good support structure. There is a clear drive to develop staff and to help them achieve their potential. Friendliness and culture were high on the list for me, as well as a good reputation for quality work.



The management team at LCF Law is always open to ideas and suggestions – and works hard to support the training needs of the team. There is trust between colleagues to work together to hit targets and produce excellent work for our clients.

LCF Law is full of down to earth, friendly, focused people. We rely on each other to collaborate and do every job well. There are always people to ask, or to help bounce ideas around, if required.

LCF Law has a great atmosphere and is the right place for me.

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Hana Gwyn Senior Associate Personal Law



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# WE CARE, WE SUPPORT + WE GET STUCK IN!

Our colleagues in all offices take an interest in the local community and are regularly involved in local and regional projects.

We recognise that our day to day business activities have an impact on the wider society and community in which we operate. For that reason, we have developed a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) strategy which we believe not only ensures that we act responsibly in respect of our clients, employees and stakeholders but also in relation to the environment and our local community as well.

By setting high standards we are paving the way for profitable growth and a more sustainable future for our community.

Being part of LCF is more than just a job. It's about the people, being part of a team and being part of the wider community.



We Act For







#### **GiveBradford**















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## BRIDIE + RYAN

Bridie Johnson-Power and Ryan Cotton became solicitors at LCF Law having completed their legal training with the firm.

Bridie is based in the Disputes department, working on an extensive range of commercial litigation and insolvency matters spanning shareholder and contractual disputes, as well as breach of warranties and indemnity disputes, high-value money claims and injunctions.

Ryan is working in LCF Law's Real Estate team managing both commercial freehold sales and purchases, as well as leasehold transactions including drafting and negotiating leases and dealing with the sale of businesses where property is the main asset.

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Both Bridie and Ryan did extremely well throughout their training and had already built up plenty of experience with direct contact client work over their training with us. We're delighted that they decided to continue their careers with LCF Law and there's no doubt they both have promising careers ahead of them and can play integral roles within our well-established Disputes and Real Estate teams.

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Simon Stell

Managing Partner
LCF Law



#### **LAW FAIR + SQUARE**

LCF Law is helping to address the climate and biodiversity crises. One example of our work in the community is our partnership with the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust.

The firm's significant donation to the charity supports the planting of 1,000 trees over the next two years. LCF Law will be making a significant difference to the people, landscapes, and wildlife of the Yorkshire Dales.



"We are really lucky to have the backing of a business like LCF Law and enjoyed welcoming their team to their first volunteering day as part of our summer maintenance work. There is a real groundswell to help nature recover, and engaging local people and businesses is vital as we move forward in this climate crisis."

In 2021 Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust planted 31,851 trees and more than 5,500 people benefitted from its projects, with £160k given to local organisations and partnerships that make a real difference to their communities. The Trust also continues to make significant inroads into reversing the decline of the most precious hay meadows and has restored 40 hectares of meadow in the Forest of Bowland. Across the Dales it has also helped groups create 23 wildlife patches, gardens, and ponds.

#### Richard Hore

Development officer Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust









"We are hugely committed to working sustainably and offsetting our carbon footprint and we also want to leave a long-term legacy. The Woodland Trust says we would need about 1.5bn more trees, which is a staggering number! Sometimes these figures and the issue of climate change can seem insurmountable, but if everyone does a small amount to help, positive change really is possible.

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In addition to the tree planting, we are keen for our team to have the chance to get to know more about the vital work of the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust by working with the Trust.

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"This partnership enables us to not only plant a large number of trees, but also volunteer at the Trust too"

Simon Stell

Managing Partner

LCF Law