

Simon Keen

Counsel
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Biography

Simon loves the tangible nature of property. As a Counsel in the London real estate team, Simon works with investors, occupiers and developers of commercial real estate and their funders on their UK transactions. Simon regularly visits properties with which he has an ongoing involvement to ensure that he understands how they function and what the issues are for his clients and their businesses in the management and operation of their investments or business premises. Asset management is therefore a pleasure!

Having been seconded to the in-house legal teams at both Esso UK and the Royal Mail in his career, Simon understands what matters to occupiers of UK real estate. He also has particular experience in guiding them through the process of leasing and then managing their business premises. Property owners find this understanding of their tenants and customers invaluable when he is advising them on leasing transactions.

Simon has a particular interest in Sustainability and Energy Performance and has extensive knowledge of the real estate issues arising from these increasingly important topics. He advises clients and colleagues on "green leasing" generally and on EPCs, ESOS and Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards in particular;



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Languages

English

Practices

Real Estate

Climate Change

Industries

Real Estate

Education and admissions

Education

Simon helps clients to comply with the law and consider how to future proof their properties as this complex area of regulation continues to develop.

Simon is recommended by the Legal 500 2015.

Representative experience

Advising News Corp on their prelet, ongoing occupation and sublettings of The News Building (formerly known as The Place/The Baby Shard) at London Bridge.

Advising 21st Century Fox on its London property portfolio, including preletting offices in Hammersmith, lease regears in Shepherds Bush and disposals of surplus space.

Advising M&G Real Estate and Intu on the leasing and asset management of The Mall at Cribbs Causeway.

Advising Landsec on the leasing and asset management of several retail and leisure parks.

Advising the London Borough of Havering on a land swap with Morrisons for the development of a new leisure centre and supermarket in Romford.

Advising the BMW Group on taking leases of various logistics warehouses, offices and showrooms.

Advising the BBC on the "smart value" structured sale of the iconic Television Centre, its phased exit, and the ongoing occupation of offices and studios there.

Advising M&G Real Estate on the sale, purchase and leasing of various industrial, logistics, retail and office premises.

Advising Goldman Sachs on its compliance across Europe with the Energy Efficiency Directive.

Advising the Church Commissioners for England on their complex strategic land sites, including several substantial housing development sites and logistics

MA (Cantab), Law, University of Cambridge

Memberships

Urban Land Institute

BPF Sustainability Committee
(Associate Member)

REVO

Accolades

'Simon Keen is a safe pair of hands'

Legal 500 2015

parks.

Awards and rankings

- Real Estate, *Legal 500*, 2015

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Stand By for Action on EPCs! *Keeping It Real Estate*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Life Below Zero *Keeping It Real Estate*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Higher MEES on the horizon? *Keeping It Real Estate*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Real Estate Quarterly Summer 2019
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Sustainability – where are we now? *Keeping It Real Estate*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Open for Business – ESOS Phase 2 *Keeping It Real Estate*