

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR (NATIONAL)



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DWF Law LLP

DWF Law LLP is a multi-award winning global legal business operating from 31 key locations worldwide with around people, 160 of those based in Birmingham.

An important highlight of 2019 was becoming the first global legal business to achieve a public listing on the LSE's main market.

DWF raised external investment of £75m from institutional investors through the IPO that will support further growth.

Revenue per partner increased by 4% despite a net increase of 20 new partners. In Birmingham, DWF has grown from 140 to 160 with significant hires in Corporate.

The IPO provided significant, long-term support to the DWF Foundation through partners donating 1.8m shares, with a valuation in excess of £2.1m.

In 2019 the Foundation made 15 grants totalling £28,816 to charities in the West Midlands.

Gateley Legal

The Birmingham office of Gateley Legal has provided commercial legal services to individuals and businesses since being founded in 1808. This year like many before it, the company and its Birmingham operations have been recognised by a significant number of professional bodies for its renowned achievements.

The company prides itself on staying approachable, nurturing relationships and decoding industry jargon.

They've introduced reward structures that recognise our team for delivering our growth strategy. Thrive programme delivers leadership and workplace support with successful initiatives including mental health support, sleep clinics and walking groups.

Inspire programme aims to ensure talent is retained. Mentoring programmes for future leaders and innovative career development programmes prosper.

Pride is a network for LGBTQ+ colleagues and allies and the firm is Stonewall diversity champions.

CSR is at the business.

Eversheds Sutherland (International) LLP

This has been an outstanding year with a firm commitment to its Birmingham roots for a company that now has some 69 offices in 34 countries, with 750 partners and 5,000 people.

There has been an increase in revenue and major contracts with leading logistics and regeneration projects as well as work with major global brands.

There has been an upturn in local, national and international revenue.

CSR has remained as important as ever with support for St Giles Hospice and St Basils sleepout as just two examples. Employees have also led in projects connected to diversity.

Pinsent Masons

Deeply involved in the business community, the firm is a patron of the Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce, a member of the CBI, member of BPS Birmingham Future, corporate partners of both The Birmingham Repertory Theatre and the Hippodrome.

Market-leading expertise is in five key global sectors: Advanced Manufacturing & Technology, Energy, Financial Services, Infrastructure and Real Estate.

A number of accolades have been collected including being named as Stonewall's Most LGBT-Inclusive Employer 2019.

Massive development schemes and regeneration initiatives have relied on advice from the firm including a new aquatics centre for the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Importantly, the company has launched a new mental health strategy in the UK as well as a network of Mental Health Champions.

Squire Patton Boggs (UK) LLP

With a history in Birmingham spanning almost 150 years, SPB has had a very successful year.

This year, steps have been taken to create a more diverse and inclusive working environment, reassess recruitment, training and support merit-based development—key to helping sustain a regional market-leading position.

Six new employee network groups focused on Gender Diversity, Multicultural, LGBT+, Social Mobility, Accessibility and Age Diversity.

A commitment to support Birmingham City Council's vision to tackle poverty and reduce inequality is acknowledged in signing a Social Mobility Pledge.

More than £10,000, together with donations of food and toiletries was raised for Let's Feed Brum and a wealth of awards was received to recognise outstanding achievements.