

John Butler

Consultant Solicitor

John Butler provides support on all aspects of real estate services.

John has over 25 years experience in the real estate investment and development fields. He was formerly a partner of Jaques & Lewis and subsequently of Eversheds LLP where he was Head of the Investment Sector Group.

John has substantial experience in acting for clients in both the private and public sectors. Clients that he has acted for have include Electricity Supply Pension Scheme, LRT Pension Fund, English Partnerships, London Development Agency, SEEDA, SWERDA, Brighton and Hove Council, London Borough of Islington, Hammerson, Friends Provident and Alecta. He has worked on many development and regeneration projects, and he has also acted on numerous investment transactions, including limited partnerships, for various institutions.

John was the lead development lawyer on the multi-award winning Brighton Library PFI Scheme, which included a highly successful mixed used development that led to the regeneration of a major city centre site.

John is a member of the Land Law Sub-Committee of the City of London Law Society and has lectured and written articles on a wide variety of legal topics.



Admitted as a solicitor

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Qualifications

LLB (Hons) Leeds University

Relevant Project Experience

Northamptonshire County Council – advising on the disposal program for school sites made surplus by a recent Grouped Schools PFI

London Borough of Islington - Arsenal Football Club Relocation - Lead development lawyer, acting for London Borough of Islington: negotiation of development agreements: land transfers for new stadium site and relocation of waste recycling and other facilities

Regional Development Agencies - Lead lawyer for various regeneration schemes including mixed use development of the Woolwich Arsenal, Bristol Harbourside and Falmouth Maritime Museum: funding of numerous development schemes by the RDAs

Canary Riverside Development Project - £300 million residential, hotel and leisure scheme at Canary Wharf

Brighton and Hove Council - Brighton Library PFI Project - £45 million development of major PFI Library project and associated commercial development

Major Pension Funds - Principal adviser to major pensions funds on real estate management, investment and development projects and issues

English Partnerships - Drafting standard form funding documents for use nationally

Knightsbridge Estate - £200 million acquisition of part of the Knightsbridge Estate for middle eastern investors