
MEET THE LEGAL POWER TEAM

AWM TAKES A TRIP INTO THE WORLD OF GSC TO MEET THE FOUR EQUITY PARTNERS AND TO FIND OUT WHAT KEEPS THEM AT THE CUTTING EDGE OF ALL THINGS LEGAL.

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THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT difference between GSC and other law firms; it's the team and what they possess collectively. Their wealth of knowledge and experience on all areas of the law make them the go-to firm, whether you're looking for private or commercial legal expertise, in the UK or overseas. This is what makes them one of the most sought-after law firms in the country.

With a team of over 40 staff based in a beautiful private street in London, GSC houses some super players from the legal world. This boutique firm combines high-calibre lawyers and market knowledge with a client-focused flexibility and a philosophy, which delivers a personal approach with the highest professional standards.

The team at GSC pride themselves on the personal relationships they build with their clients, relationships that often last not just for the short-term, but for life.

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EQUITY PARTNERS



SALEEM SHEIKH, SENIOR PARTNER

● **SPECIALISM/AREA OF EXPERTISE:** Personal & Business Tax, Private Client & Trusts. Saleem specialises in international and offshore tax, arbitration and dispute resolution. He advises private individuals and corporate clients whose business and personal interests are international in nature.

● **BACKGROUND:** Saleem trained with the firm, became a partner in 1985 and was appointed Senior Partner in 2001. He attended the London School of Economics (LLB) 1980 and the College of Law qualifying as a solicitor in 1983. He is a member of the International Bar Association, the London Court of International Arbitration and the International Association of Entertainment Lawyers. Saleem is recognised in the CityWealth Leaders List as being a prominent figure advising on wealth management.

He says: "My most memorable day as a solicitor was the day I was offered a training contract with what was then known as Green David Conway and Co. The Senior Partner John Green invited me to Claridges Hotel for breakfast. It as a real treat for a third year law student, and I had to borrow a suit from my brother. Mr Green drove me back to the office in his new Porsche and offered me a training contract straight away, which I accepted. Fifteen years later I became Senior Partner and was privileged to be able to rename the business Green Sheikh and Co (GSC) in recognition of my contribution to the success of the business."



HARVEY POSENER, PARTNER

● **SPECIALISM/AREA OF EXPERTISE:** Construction, Insolvency & Corporate Recovery, Real Estate. Harvey specialises in commercial property transactions with a particular focus on advising large corporate occupiers leasing or acquiring significant headquarters buildings across the UK. He has considerable expertise in the investment, development, acquisition, sales and letting of all types of commercial property.

● **BACKGROUND:** Harvey attended Manchester University (LLB Hons) 1981 and qualified as a solicitor in 1984. He joined GSC in 1990 and became a partner in 1993.

He says: "My most memorable experience as a lawyer was in 1994, when I acted in connection with the purchase of the London Trocadero in Piccadilly Circus. It was fantastic; eight weeks of 20 hour days, 7 days a week. It sounds horrific to most people but I thrived off the energy and seeing my clients ecstatic with the outcome was an incredibly satisfying feeling to me."



We understand how Asian minds work, we understand how Asian businesses work. We understand their ethos and their ethics.”



CLIVE HALPERIN, PARTNER

● **SPECIALISM/AREA OF EXPERTISE:** Corporate & Commercial, Intellectual Property & Media, Technology & Internet Law. Clive advises on company law including sales, mergers and acquisitions, private equity investments, shareholder and partnership structures and disputes. He advises on franchises and all forms of commercial, technology and e-commerce agreements with a particular expertise in cloud computing, media and marketing.

● **BACKGROUND:** Clive attended Kings College, University of London (B Pharm) 1989 and qualified as a solicitor in 1994. He joined GSC in 1998 and became a partner in 1999. He is a member of The Society of Computers & Law and The Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

He says: "Working at GSC has led me to interesting places in the world, including a memorable trip to Austin, Texas. I remember one evening when I, along with a bunch of other lawyers, went to a concert in the backyard of a restaurant and spent several unexpected hours listening to Stevie Nicks, John Fogerty, Rick Springfield and more, backed by a house band made up mostly of Foo Fighters, including Dave Grohl on drums. This was an experience to remember and not something that I could have imagined I would experience as a lawyer at GSC."



PETER BELCHER, PARTNER

● **SPECIALISM/AREA OF EXPERTISE:** Construction, Property Finance, Real Estate. Peter specialises in commercial property transactions with a particular focus on secured lending in the hotel, leisure, banking and healthcare sectors as well as advising on franchises and trusts. Clients include high-net-worth individuals, property developers, leisure, hotel and healthcare operators and leading UK and international financial institutions.

● **BACKGROUND:** Peter attended Nottingham University (LLB Hons) 1981 and qualified as a solicitor in 1985. He joined GSC in 1995 and became a partner in 1996.

He says: "My high point professionally was my involvement in property, banking and construction aspects of a multimillion pound investment by a nationally known investment trust into my client's branded hotel chain. The work was complex, pressurised and involved circa 300 documents (at the time it felt like 3000!), multi jurisdictions and teams of bankers and investors' lawyers, but the successful conclusion was extremely gratifying and the heartfelt thanks of the client made it all worthwhile."

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