



### Further information

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## About Us



- Freeth Cartwright LLP is one of the UK's leading regional law firms, operating from offices in Nottingham, Birmingham, Derby, Leicester and Manchester.
- Our client base reflects not only our regional strength, but also our commitment to nationwide service delivery.

Our education team brings together lawyers from a range of fields to ensure we can bring to bear the skills needed to deliver effective and timely advice in this complex area.

## Dedicated Further Education Team

- The further education sector is facing unprecedented challenges, affecting even critical funding due to factors such as:
  - abolition of the Learning & Skills Council
  - increased competition for finite resources with other parts of the education sector e.g. "Building Schools for the Future"
  - increased recognition of student rights
  - general requirements to 'improve outputs'.
- These challenges are driving a need for pro-active and expert legal support to help ensure risks are prudently managed.
- Freeth Cartwright understands that to deliver meaningful legal advice to the education sector we have to understand the real operational issues facing FE management. Our education team brings together lawyers from a range of fields to ensure we can bring to bear the skills needed to deliver effective and timely advice in this complex area.



## Recent Experience

Our wide experience in the FE sector includes:

- Joint ventures and federal working – including formation of companies / CICs
- Corporate governance and compliance
- Real estate and construction
- Support (including due diligence) to college merger projects
- Employment
- PFI, outsourcing and commercial contracts
- Dispute resolution
- Student relations
- Intellectual property and information technology
- Data protection and freedom of information
- Judicial review

We frequently work in tandem with our clients' other professional advisers.

We are proud to count a significant number of FE Institutions as clients. Our public law practice also acts for Higher Education, School and Local Authority clients, including some to whom Freeth Cartwright lawyers have been seconded to work within the sector.



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## Legal Audit



Many FE institutions find that their core legal compliance requirements such as policies, contracts and property holdings have been structured in a way which no longer meets current requirements.

Our specialist team can carry out a legal audit on a "fixed fee" basis concerning employment policies, contracts and corporate governance and help instigate the changes needed to ensure that your institution is "fit for the future".