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Agnes is a senior associate in the corporate team.

She advises on a wide variety of corporate transactions including share and asset acquisitions and disposals, joint ventures, restructurings, reorganisations and start-ups. She also provides day-to-day advice to corporate clients in relation to general business and company law issues and works closely with colleagues in other departments to provide corporate input on employment, wealth planning, real estate and family law matters where necessary.

Agnes has worked with clients in many different industry sectors and has regularly acted for owner-managed businesses as well as for established private companies, individual shareholders and directors, start-ups and listed clients.

Track record

Headquarters move

A newly established IT sector client wished to move its headquarters from the US to the UK and to insert a new UK holding company with the same shareholding structure as its then existing US trading company. Agnes worked closely with our US colleagues and with the client to deal with the many different aspects of the transaction.

Property holding company

Together with colleagues in the real estate and wealth planning teams, Agnes advised a private individual on the acquisition and subsequent liquidation of an offshore company holding property, which was previously owned by a US trust. As well as drafting and negotiating the necessary documentation for the acquisition, Agnes coordinated input from local counsel, accountants and liquidators.

Corporate support to employment team

Assisted colleagues in the employment team on many occasions, advising on the corporate aspects of individual clients' exits from their employment and negotiating the documents required for the realisation or safeguarding of their interests in their former employers.

Register of people with significant control

Advised corporate and individual clients, both in the UK and overseas, in respect of the requirements of the new 'register of people with significant control' to be maintained by UK companies and LLPs following the PSC regime coming into force on 6 April 2016.

AIM listed company

Advised a long-standing AIM-listed company client on the acquisition of a number of owner-managed business, each specialising in integrated information security and information technology. Over the years, she was able to build up a good working relationship with the client's management team which helped each subsequent acquisition to run even more smoothly than the last.

External publications

'How U.S. Persons Can Be Made Public by the UK Register,' Estate Planning - August 2017, co-author

Admissions

England and Wales, 2008

Education

University College London, LLB (Hons)

Languages

English

Memberships

The Law Society

Key dates

Year joined: 2015

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