

Claire Southern

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Biography

People are often surprised to find out that Claire's a pensions lawyer. She's learned to take that as a compliment. She enjoys working closely with clients to find solutions to their problems and believes that pensions law is much improved by some straight talking and a sense of humor. Claire likes variety and this is reflected in the wide range of clients and matters that she works on. She has developed specialist practices in trustee friendly derivative instruments and the VAT recoverability of pension scheme expenses.

She enjoys guiding trustee boards through complex and challenging issues. The key to doing this well is understanding that 99% of trustee decisions are not complicated once the 'white noise' of jargon and technical detail has been filtered out. Focus on what's important to members. Be confident you could look them in the eye and say you did the best you could for them.

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Coronavirus: actions for pension trustees
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Pension Protection Fund contingent assets: Coronavirus update



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Languages

English

Practices

Pensions

Education and admissions

Education

B.A., University College London

Memberships

- ■ The Pension Regulator's new approach – What should employers expect?
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Pension issues on corporate transactions
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Acquisition Finance Newsletter Spring 2013 *Lev Fin Spin*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Pensions auto-enrolment: your HR Toolkit

Member, Association of Pension Lawyers

Accolades

'She is really excellent. She is really practical.'

Chambers UK 2016

'tough negotiator'

Legal 500 UK 2015
