

MSB Team

Paul Bibby - Managing Partner

Paul qualified in 1986 and is the firm's Managing Partner.

Paul is the head of the firm's property department and specialises in business acquisitions, sales and commercial leases and property development through flat sales and plot sales.

Outside the office his primary interests are golf and Everton Football Club.

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Sean Sexton - Partner

Sean graduated from Durham University and qualified as a Solicitor in 1984. He was the founding Partner of MSB.

He has extensive experience in the field of criminal defence work and specialises in the area of criminal fraud prosecutions. Sean is a member of the Fraud Panel signifying an exceptional degree of competence and experience in this complex area of law.

Away from the office Sean enjoys supporting Everton Football Club and playing golf.

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Emma Carey - Partner

Emma Carey is a graduate of Liverpool University having lived in Liverpool all her life. Emma qualified as a Solicitor with the firm in June 2000 and is the head of the firm's family department. Emma became a Partner In June 2005.

She specialises in divorce, financial disputes, children issues including care proceedings, co-habitation disputes and she has a particular interest in domestic violence issues. Emma has dealt with a number of international children cases including child abduction and she is a member of the Association of Lawyers for Children and a resolution accredited specialist in domestic violence and child abduction. Emma's clients appreciate her caring and understanding approach.

Away from the office she enjoys socialising with her wide network of friends.

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Tracey Skyner - Partner

Tracey undertook her training contract with MSB and qualified as a Solicitor in June 2004. Tracey became an Associate Solicitor in June 2006 after only 2 years of qualifying and became a partner in the firm on 1st April 2008.

Tracey currently heads the Firm's Investment Department in the Allerton Road Branch and specialises in commercial property matters including buy to let investments. She also specialises in possession proceedings.

What little time Tracey has free she still finds time to socialise with her friends and travel to far off places and has recently enjoyed climbing the Great Wall in China. Tracey is also a committee member of the Association of Women's Solicitors (AWS).

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Jo Dalton - Partner (Non Lawyer) & Practice Manager

Following an enjoyable 12 years in accounts at EAD Solicitors, I decided that I wished to invest more of my energies in to Practice Management and was delighted when the opportunity arose at MSB.

As well as overseeing the day to day running of both our offices, I continue to be responsible for the firm's legal and management accounts whilst also ensuring quality standards, that go beyond mere compliance, in training, professional ethics, health & safety issues and personnel development.

This has been demonstrated by the implementation of a central IT structure in which I have incorporated the use of cutting-edge case management and digital dictation platforms to both benefit our clients and our growing staff.

As a reflection of these standards set, and maintained, I was delighted to see this vision recognised by way of receiving the prestigious Lexcel accreditation in 2009. This was further complemented by being elevated to Partner (non-lawyer) status as of 01 March 2010.

None of this could have happened, I doubt, were it not for the recuperation and inspiration allowed by occasionally taking the air whilst walking in The Lake District or languishing in foreign climes with my husband Keith

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Eamonn Sexton - Head of Personal Injury Litigation

Eamonn joined MSB in 1995 specialising in the field of Civil Litigation. Beyond work, he is often prepared to advise freely, and without prejudice, on a wide range of issues outside the narrow margins of the law.

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Joanna Connolly - Head of Consumer Credit

Joanna, a successful businesswoman for over 20 years brings her solid business background to MSB, which she joined as a Trainee Solicitor. Joanna has always had a keen interest in the law, dealing with Licensing Authorities and other legal issues for her own employees. She has a wealth of experience in Consumer Credit Legislation and is Head of Consumer Credit, a new department she set up in 2008. Joanna deals with all aspects of debt and insolvency and her Department has a successful record in defending debt claim summonses. Joanna had conduct of Carey in a significant Consumer Credit Act case Carey -v- HSBC which determined a creditors statutory obligations under Section 78 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 and currently has conduct of two appeals to the Court of Appeal in an associated case.

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Natalie Smith - Head of Residential Conveyancing

Natalie Smith joined MSB in February 2007 as the head of the domestic conveyancing department. She has worked in conveyancing since leaving school and has a wealth of practical experience.

Away from MSB she enjoys holidaying to as many destinations as possible and socialising with her friends. She loves spending time with her family particularly her neices and nephews.

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Michele Henderson - Head of Probate and Wills

Michele has qualifications in both law and tax so is able to advise clients of ways of maximising income, capital gains and inheritance tax allowances.

Besides working in the Wills & Probate Department at MSB Michele is tutor with The Law Academy based in Liverpool City Centre. From September 2009 she is teaching the law of Wills and Succession at undergraduate level/ILEX Level 6.

Whilst not devoting her energies to MSB, Michele is a Penny Lane Strider competing in both cross country and long distance races. She also enjoys circuit training, mountain walking, cooking and theatre.

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Paula Mansfield - Associate Solicitor

Paula qualified in April 2000 having graduated from Hull University with a LLB(Hons) Degree. She joined the practice in October 2007 and was made an associate in March 2009. Paula has a wealth of experience of all family matters involving the breakdown of a marriage and has advised on pre-nuptial agreements and complex financial settlements.

In addition, Paula can deal with matters involving unmarried couples and civil partnerships and can provide advice as to whether a cohabitation contract would be appropriate at the commencement of a relationship or, following a cohabiting couple's separation on disputes involving property or children matters.

Paula is also a member of Resolution, an organisation of over 5000 members of the legal profession who are committed to a non-confrontational approach to family matters. However, if matters cannot be resolved by negotiation then Paula is an experienced advocate in the family courts and will be pro active in ensuring a satisfactory outcome for her clients.

Paula is an accredited member of the Law Society's Family Law Panel.

In her spare time, Paula is a keen fitness fanatic and enjoys circuit training and running. In addition Paula enjoys the theatre, reading and travelling. To view Paula's alternative profile [click here](#)

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Nicola Wordley - Associate Solicitor

Nicola or (Nikki as she is known to her clients and colleagues) graduated from the University of Liverpool in 2004 and joined MSB as a trainee solicitor in 2005. She qualified as a Solicitor in 2007 and is now an Associate Solicitor within the firm's matrimonial department.

Nikki has a particular interest in child law, including child abduction and also matters involving domestic violence and harassment.

Outside of work Nikki's main interest is relaxing and socialising with friends and travelling in order to facilitate her favourite hobby....scuba diving.

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Emma Graham - Solicitor

Emma is a graduate of the University of Leicester and is a Solicitor in the firm's family department. Emma undertakes work in: divorce, children matters, financial matters and protection from domestic violence (non-molestation and occupation orders). Emma has a particular interest in care proceedings having completed a masters degree with her research dissertation on 'the Human Rights Act in the context of care proceedings'. Emma's clients appreciate her understanding nature and dedication to achieving the best possible outcome.

Emma is a member of a number of associations including the Association of Women's Solicitors and Women's Aid.

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Jane Sampson - Consultant Solicitor

Jane is a member of the Law Society Child Care Panel specialising in Private and Public law Children Act disputes.

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Ruth Tibbett - Solicitor

Ruth Tibbett is a family solicitor with over 20 years experience dealing with all aspects of family law. Ruth is a member of The Resolution Accredited Specialist Panel on domestic violence and has specialist knowledge in this area

Paul Gallagher - Crime & Litigation Executive

Paul has now been with the firm for over 20 years having started in 1988. He has extensive experience in criminal matters ranging from minor road traffic offences to serious arrestable offences such as murder, drugs offence, fraud and serious sexual offences. Paul is qualified Police Station accredited representative and represents clients on a 24/7 basis at Police Stations.

Previously he has worked in various areas of law such as family and personal injury but has specialised over the last 15 years in criminal practise.

He has also successfully appealed many Security Industry Authorities licence (SIA) matters for his extensive client base in the Security industry.

He is designated by the Legal Services Commission as a crime supervisor.

Paul is married and has two children.

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Hayley Catherall - Legal Executive

Hayley has been in the Family department at MSB for almost three years.

Hayley is experienced in all aspects of Family Law to include divorce, separation, financial matters, domestic violence issues, co-habitation disputes and children matters. She has a particular interest in dealing with the financial issues arising from the breakdown of relationships. She qualified in 2001 and became a Fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives in June 2003 and is a resolution accredited specialist in domestic violence and co-habitation disputes. Hayley has worked in Family law since leaving full time education in 1992 and thus has a wealth of experience.

Hayley prides herself on being approachable, plain speaking and has a very good sense of humour. Outside of work she enjoys travelling and likes to socialise with her family and friends.

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Rose Finnan - Conveyancing Executive

Rose Finnan joined MSB in 2007 as a fee earner in the domestic conveyancing department. Rose has worked in property for 7 years and is thoroughly enjoying her role within the firm.

She is a mother to three boys, an adept cook and in her spare time enjoys socialising with her friends and family.

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Emma Cunningham - Conveyancing Executive

Emma Cunningham joined the firm in 2001 working as a secretary in the PI and Crime Departments. Mastering her brief quickly, she took it upon herself to study law in her spare time and soon qualified with Distinction as a Paralegal in 2006.

Encouraged by her success she is currently studying for the ILEX Legal Executive qualification whilst working alongside Tracey Skyner, Partner, in the ever burgeoning Property Department.

What free time Emma has left is dedicated to her family and socialising with her many friends.

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Joanne Langan - Litigation Executive

Joanne joined the firm in 1994, after leaving school. She has progressed through the ranks from legal secretary to then being the personal assistant to the Head of Litigation. Developing her career further, she is an integral part of the MSB Personal Injury Team as a fee-earner dealing with all aspects of personal injury work and contributing significantly to the continued development of the department.

Away from the office Joanne's interests include travelling and photography and she enjoys spending as much time as possible with her extensive family.

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Gillian Kelly - Solicitor

Gillian (or Gill as she is known to clients and colleagues) graduated from the University of Liverpool in 2006 and completed the Legal Practice Course at the College of Law in 2007. Gillian joined MSB in July 2007 working with Tracey Skyner in the Firm's property investment department before taking some time out to travel the world. Gillian works in the criminal department and has a particular interest in serious fraud.

In her spare time Gillian coaches women's artistic gymnastics at South Liverpool Gymnastics Club and enjoys music and travelling. Gillian is also a committee member of the Association of Women's Solicitors (AWS).

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Phillipa Jones - Trainee Solicitor

Phillipa (or Pippa as she is known to clients and colleagues) graduated from the University of Liverpool in 2006 and completed the Legal Practice Course at the College of Law in 2007. Phillipa joined MSB in April 2008 working as a paralegal, commencing her training contract in September 2008.

Phillipa is currently part of our thriving consumer credit department.

In her spare time Phillipa is a keen rugby supporter, enjoys interior design and socialising with her network of friends.

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Susan Evans - Trainee Solicitor

Susan graduated from Queens University Belfast in 2007; and following her qualification with distinction from the Legal Practice Course at the College of Law, she joined the team at MSB in September 2008.

Susan is currently part of our busy Matrimonial department.

In her free time Susan enjoys travelling and socialising with her network of friends.

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David Parkinson - Trainee Solicitor

David graduated from Nottingham Trent University in 2006.

After chancing it as rock star with his band David completed the Legal Practice Course in 2008 and joined MSB. David started his Training Contract in November 2009.

David has a particular interest in criminal law.

Being from Manchester David is a keen football fan and supports a very successful football team...

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Jamie Hewitt - Legal Assistant

Jaime joined the MSB team in September 2009 having qualified with an LLB (Hons) Degree from John Moores University, Liverpool in 2006 and a Very Competent grading in the Bar Vocational Course from the College of Law, London in 2007 when called to the Bar. Jaime has recently completed the QLTT conversion course at BPP, Manchester to become dual-qualified.

Jaime currently works in our Consumer Credit Team.

Away from work Jaime is a keen distance road-runner and has completed the Midnight Sun and Warsaw marathons as well as numerous shorter races for charity. Jaime is hoping to complete the Prague and Mersey Marathons this year.

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Charlie Mahoney - Legal Assistant

Charlie joined the MSB team in August 2009 after graduating from the University of Liverpool with an LLB degree in English and French Laws with French. Charlie has subsequently undertaken the LPC part time course at The College of Law in Chester.

Charlie is currently based within the MSB matrimonial department.

Outside of work, Charlie is a keen football fan and enjoys a variety of music, as well as cooking and eating out with friends.

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