

Merger is a 'perfect fit' for practices

A Leicester law firm continues to expand with the acquisition of a further practice.

Rich and Carr Freer Bouskell has added long-established local firm Phillips and Powell to consolidate a strong, reliable practice providing a broad and flexible service, sensitive to client need.

In 2009 Rich and Carr and Freer Bouskell joined forces in a merger to create a mutually beneficial, revamped organisation, combining first-rate expertise from a network of local offices.

The uncertain economic climate provided the right opportunity for the new-look firm to rationalise its operation, while maintaining the same high levels of service and maximising the potential for future growth.

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The new move is designed to further enhance the arrangement, strengthening and securing the firm for future economic recovery, by adding a broad range of legal expertise to the Assurance House office in Leicester's regenerating Cultural Quarter, as well as outlying districts.

COUNTY ROOTS

The new-look practice has long-established county roots.

Freer Bouskell is in fact the oldest practice in Leicester, with origins tracing back to 1750, with Rich and Carr providing legal services throughout the East Midlands for 50 years. Phillips and Powell has been in operation for more than 50 years.

The ethos is mutual and lies in achieving optimum results for clients, particularly in the fields of property and convey-

ancing, all kinds of litigation, wills and probate and family law.

Staff at the Phillips and Powell premises in De Montfort Street are moving to the Rich and Carr Building at Assurance House in Rutland Street. The firm's Oadby office joins forces with the Rich and Carr branch there, providing the only law firm in the Oadby area. Phillips and Powell's Wigston office will remain, alongside other Rich and Carr Freer Bouskell established county branches at Syston, Blaby, Lutterworth and from Rugby just over the border into Warwickshire.

The current partners at Rich and Carr Freer Bouskell, Mark Tildesley, David Roberts and John Barr, remain as partners, with John Coffee, Tony Gowtage, Phil Northen, David Charman and Mario Anastasiades associates and Neil de Voil and Peter Ward, consultants.



JOINING FORCES: Pictured left to right are John Fowlds, consultant; David Roberts, partner; Peter Smith, consultant; and John Barr, partner

Peter Smith and John Fowlds of Phillips and Powell join the new firm as consultants, with Jim Rixon and Jonathan Green joining as associates and Alan Mee an assistant solicitor. John Fowlds and Alan Mee are to operate from the Leicester office with their associated staff, while remaining personnel stay at current branches, thereby creating minimal upheaval. The offices at Oadby and Wigston will be known as

Rich and Carr, Phillips and Powell.

Rich and Carr Senior partner, Mark Tildesley, said that the partners at Rich and Carr Freer Bouskell were keen to continue the process of delivering high quality legal services from a network of convenient local offices.

"We saw this merger as a perfect fit for the health and continued growth of the practice. The new move will be of mutu-

al benefit and enhance service provision, uniting and bolstering the strengths of all concerned.

"It enables us to continue our stated aim of offering something different in the market place; of having the specialisms of a large firm but delivering them from convenient local offices".

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