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PRACTICES Real Estate

Geraldine Palfreman-Pigot is counsel in the Real Estate Practice Group in Haynes Boone's London office. Her practice focuses on commercial real estate across all asset classes, from investment, development, real estate joint ventures and corporate real estate to landlord and tenant matters, asset management, due diligence and real estate support for wider lending and corporate transactions.

Geraldine has more than 19 years of experience in commercial property, helping both UK-based and international clients with investments, real estate due diligence, disposals and leasing, including the joint venture and eventual sale of a joint venture interest in a large mixed use site at Bishops Square, Spitalfields, London, the property due diligence on landmark London hotels for lenders and acting for the landlord on a lease which was later the subject of a landmark case on the doctrine of frustration. Geraldine has also acted for a major luxury brand on their portfolio of leases for a number of years.

Geraldine is also committed to pro bono work and has helped a number of charitable organisations with their property needs.

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- LPC, 2003, BPP Law School, 2003
- Post Graduate Diploma in Law (PGDL), BPP Law School, 2002

ADMISSIONS

- Solicitor, England and Wales
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PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Collaborated on an article on the real estate implications of the National Security and Investment Act 2021– Property Law Journal July/August 2021.

- Collaborated on an article on whether real estate law is or should be applicable to the metaverse - 'The Metaverse Real Estate Market: Freehold, Leasehold, No holds barred' – May 2022.
 - Member of a panel roundtable discussion hosted by Searchflow in 2021 on technology transformation in real estate.
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ENGAGEMENTS

SRA Regulated.

SELECTED CLIENT REPRESENTATIONS

- Acted for Hammerson plc on their 50:50 joint venture with Westfield at Croydon Town Centre.
- Acted for Canary Wharf Group plc on the acquisition of Wood Wharf in east London.
- Acted for Hammerson plc on their £254m retail park portfolio acquisition.
- Acted for Hammerson plc on their disposal of a 75% interest in Bishops Square, Spitalfields.
- Acted for a major lender on the real estate aspects of a real estate financing of two London landmark hotels.
- Acted for a major lender on the real estate aspects of a real estate financing of a high end residential development.
- Acted for a private equity fund on the real estate aspects of its acquisition of a serviced offices business.
- Acted for TAP Social Movement on their portfolio of leases.
- Acted for a major luxury brand on their portfolio of leases.

Some of these representations were handled by Geraldine prior to joining Haynes Boone.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Shortlisted for Best Contribution by an Individual at the 2023 LawWorks Pro Bono Awards.
- Included on the Pro Bono Recognition List of England and Wales 2024.