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William Naunton has acted for a variety of fund managers and institutional investors for many years in their direct real estate portfolios. He is experienced in all aspects of commercial real estate, including investment, development, joint ventures and structured real estate transactions.

### LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English

- Real Estate

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- Financial Services

English

- Acting for an inward investor on the sale of a portfolio of three regional office buildings in the UK for a consideration of circa £400m to a sovereign wealth fund
- Advising a UK land estate on the redevelopment of a large block of property in Central Mayfair
- Advising a US private equity house on the acquisition of a portfolio of debt secured against UK real estate assets and then restructuring and refinancing the portfolio
- Advising on the creation of a joint venture for the funding of a UK care home portfolio
- Advising on the creation of a joint venture for a Pan European hotels portfolio
- Advising on various property transactions across France, Germany, Italy and the UK for a private equity house

### Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

## Recognitions

William was described by Property Week as one of the top 10 real estate lawyers in the UK in a survey that they conducted of real estate lawyers.

## INSIGHTS

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## Publications

### **The Future of UK Infrastructure - Summary of the Panel Discussion**

15 November 2021

Summary of a panel discussion looking at the future of UK infrastructure, post-COVID and post-Brexit. Panellists were Rt Hon Jesse Norman MP (former Financial Secretary to the Treasury), Sir John Armit CBE (Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission) and Dr Gemma Tetlow (Chief Economist at the Institute for Government).

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### **Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Bill**

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### **UK rent concessions during the COVID-19 outbreak**

2 April 2020

The Coronavirus crisis has affected all of us and will continue to present serious challenges for businesses for the foreseeable future. The support that the Government has introduced, whilst welcome, addresses only a few of the issues that will continue to arise for both landlords and tenants over the coming months.

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## Events

## Previous

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### **The Future of UK Infrastructure**

15 September 2021  
UK Sector Fortnight  
Webinar

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### **Chambers Global Practice Guides: Real Estate Transactions Webinar Series: Europe**

15 October 2020 | 2:00 - 2:45 BST  
Chambers Global Practice Guides: Real Estate Transactions Webinar Series  
Webinar

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### **What next for occupiers and landlords?**

24 September 2020  
Webinar

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### **Coronavirus COVID-19: Return to work for UK Real Estate**

10 June 2020

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### **Coronavirus COVID-19: the Corporate Insolvency and Government Bill and tax considerations on rent and other lease concessions**

3 June 2020

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### **Real Estate Debt Facilities – the approach of lenders in uncertain times**

22 April 2020  
Webinar

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### **Coronavirus a UK real estate perspective**

7 April 2020  
Webinar

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## NEWS

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### **DLA Piper appoints new partner to Edinburgh Real Estate team**

10 November 2021

DLA Piper is further strengthening its Real Estate practice with the appointment of Finlay Campbell as partner to its Edinburgh office. He joins from the Scottish firm Brodies.

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### **DLA Piper appoints new partner to London Real Estate team**

7 September 2021

DLA Piper is further strengthening its Real Estate practice with the appointment of James Knox as a partner in its London Office. He joins the firm from BCLP later this year.

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### **DLA Piper appoints new partner to London Real Estate team**

9 June 2021

DLA Piper is further strengthening its Real Estate practice with the appointment of Bonnie Calnan as a partner in its London Office. She joins the firm from Dentons on 14 June.

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### **DLA Piper launches Real Estate AI/automation platform Release**

22 October 2020

DLA Piper today announces the launch of Release, an online, secure portal and platform for real estate clients which can be used to view and manage each step of a standard transaction and all the legal elements of a deal in one place – resulting in considerable time savings.

As well as providing clients with a dedicated dashboard that provides a simple, transparent and accessible way to view the progress of a matter and outstanding actions, Release will greatly improve the way clients instruct and provide information to DLA Piper. Through this, the document processing time will be reduced by over 90% and the platform allows for an overview of a matter to be quickly shared with other advisers and the DLA Piper team.

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