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The Firm Paris Smith's exceptional reputation as a provider of services to both businesses and private clients continues to draw clients from right across the South. Justifiably proud of its 196 year history, the firm's focus is very much on the future with an emphasis on having the right people, resources and technology to meet the requirements of a rapidly changing market without compromising on the quality of the service that has become synonymous with the name Paris Smith. With some of the finest lawyers among its ranks - many of whom are considered to be leaders in their respective fields - Paris Smith's ability to punch far above its weight makes it an increasingly attractive proposition for those seeking a legal service on par with the larger Central London firms, all the while operating at regional rates.

Principal Areas of Work The firm's Family and Private Client teams are recognised as leaders in their respective fields with several of its partners commended as among the leading lawyers in the region. The corporate team is an established provider of mainstream M&A advice to midsize and smaller corporates, as well as to its established owner-managers. It comprises both M&A and Banking partners and lawyers. The commercial team provides ex-city expertise and is comfortable advising on domestic and international matters. The Public Sector Team acts not only for regional local authorities, but also for several London Boroughs. The Insolvency Team is rapidly becoming a major player in the region and the Intellectual Property Team advises on IP/IT, data protection and e-commerce matters. The Commercial Property Team is retained by many high street names and has advised on some of the South's most high profile developments. It boasts a specialist leasehold enforcement team (ALEP membership). Its Planning Team comprises of specialist lawyers and, uniquely, planning consultants, most of

whom have had an involvement in nearly every major planning project in Hampshire, Dorset and beyond. Dedicated teams in dispute resolution advise on complex and high value corporate and commercial matters, property disputes, intellectual property litigation, debt recovery, asset based lending recovery actions and contested probate actions. The regulatory and business crime team advises on health and safety and other regulatory issues and also undertakes prosecution work. With an increasing focus on Alternative Dispute Resolution, trained mediators in employment, commercial and family disputes are on offer. The firm also boasts an experienced insolvency and recovery group. The Employment Team has a strong reputation for its work both with employers and employees and offers insurance based solutions if appropriate. The firm's charities and education teams go from strength to strength, acting for national and regional charities, higher and further education establishments, schools and colleges. The team also acts for schools converting to academies.