

## Legal 500

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Ellisons is researched in the section which covers the South East of England, excluding London. The borders are roughly Southampton to the south, Milton Keynes to the north, Newbury to the west and the Kent/Essex coastline to the east. In the absence of a single dominant urban centre, the South East is a patchwork of different legal markets, which we have divided into five sub-regions: Thames Valley, Berks, Oxon, M4/M40; Kent, Surrey, Sussex; Hampshire; Beds, Bucks, Herts, Middlesex; and Essex.

## What the directory says about Ellisons – September 2008

The Firm is listed under seven categories:

- **Corporate and commercial: Essex**

Tables: Ellisons 1s listed in the third tier

'*Exemplary in its advice and service*', **Ellisons** advises a range of SMEs and owner-managed businesses (often working hand-in-hand for clients with other departments at the firm, especially property). **Seamus Clifford** is recommended. Clients include HSBC and RBS.

- **Commercial litigation: Essex**

Tables: Ellisons is listed in the third tier

We also recommend **Graeme Wallington** at **Ellisons**

- **Employment Essex**

Tables: Ellisons is listed in the second tier

We also recommend **Jayne Scott** at **Ellisons**

- **Family: Essex**

Tables: Ellisons is listed in the top tier – joint first for Essex

**Ellisons** regularly acts for farming clients and family owned businesses on complex cases.

- **Personal tax, trusts and probate: Essex**

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We also recommend: **Jeanette Hollington** at **Ellisons**, which bolstered its private client expertise by merging with local firm PTL Solicitors in May 2008;

- **Commercial property: Essex**

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Real estate is a key practice area at **Ellisons**, which recently advised Colchester United FC in relation to a new stadium. **Guy Longhurst** is recommended.

- **Property litigation: South East**

Tables: Ellisons is listed in the third tier

*- it is the highest ranked firm for Essex with only three other Essex firms listed*

*Ellisons draws upon strong firm-wide expertise in real estate matters, advising on a wide range of contentious matters, including a £12m property dispute in the High Court.*

- **Personal injury - claimant : South East**

*- one of only two firms listed for Colchester and of four for Essex*

- **Planning : South East**

Tables: Ellisons is listed in the fourth tier

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