

Lee Bolton Monier-Williams is the result of the merger in 2008 between Lee Bolton & Lee and Brown Cooper Monier-Williams. The merged firm draws its roots from firms, parts of which have been established for over 150 years. It combines a wealth of expertise and a tradition of excellence in client care and service which has developed to meet modern challenges.

Lee Bolton & Lee

Lee Bolton & Lee was founded in 1855 by John Benjamin Lee and Thomas Bolton, who set up practice in The Sanctuary, one year after the building was completed by Gilbert Scott. Both gentlemen had connections with Education, Charities and Ecclesiastical side of the firm's practice, as well as acting for a wide range of secular clients, both personal and institutional.

The firm became Lee Bolton & Lee as long ago as 1874 when the eldest son of the founder joined the Partnership, and although there are no Lees or Boltons in the Partnership today, we are proud to go forward under our well known name, now with nearly a century and a half continuity. The firm has grown over the years to occupy 1-3 The Sanctuary, and in doing so added to its practice three other firms of long-standing in the Westminster area.

Monier-Williams

Monier-Williams can trace the origins of its predecessor firms back to 1790 and to Charles Walker, an Attorney of the King's Bench who practised out of The Chapter House in St. Paul's Churchyard. There were several changes of name before the arrival of Monier Faithful Monier-Williams in 1878 and thereafter the firm became Bedford & Monier-Williams. Monier Monier-Williams was himself a partner in the firm for 50 years and was succeeded by his son, Randall Herbert Monier-Williams, in 1928. The firm was based in the City of London until moving to Lincoln's Inn Fields in 1988 and has a long and distinguished connection with the wine trade, together with various City livery companies, in particular the Distillers and the Tallow Chandlers.

Brown Cooper

Brown Cooper was founded in 1981 by Michael Brown, formerly the managing partner of Denton Hall & Burgin (now Denton Wilde Sapte), Nic Cooper and Nigel Urwin and practised in Holborn. The aim of the firm was to enable clients to have direct access to specialist partners. From the outset, Brown Cooper had an emphasis on media work and was the lead law firm for programme acquisitions for Channel 4 during its initial years. Retaining a keen specialisation in film and television, Brown Cooper diversified over the years, in the fields of company/commercial matters, intellectual property (particularly international copyright), commercial litigation, employment law

and property law. In 2002, Monier-Williams & Boxalls as it was then known merged with Brown Cooper to form Brown Cooper Monier-Williams.

Lee Bolton Monier-Williams

The roots of the merged firm of Lee Bolton Monier-Williams result in its distinctive specialisms in charity and educational law, intellectual property, commercial property work – including specialist railway property transactions, litigation – including employment and judicial review – and private client work. The constituent parts of the merged firm are also pleased to represent a number of substantial family clients including the owners of large estates who have been with the firm for many generations.