

# BUSINESS PROFILE: DLA Piper UK LLP



**“DLA Piper was founded in Sheffield over 200 years ago. We are proud to have our roots in the city and the Sheffield office plays a key part in our UK strategy.”**

Richard May, Office Managing Partner

DLA Piper is an international legal practice with over 4,200 lawyers in more than 30 countries throughout the Americas, Asia Pacific, Europe, the Middle East . As one of the largest law firms in the world, we have a global reach but with a local focus, meaning we can offer an unrivalled service to clients in Sheffield City Region.

The Sheffield office provides legal support across a full-service range of disciplines for clients, ranging from SME's to large corporates and public institutions. We are well placed to support inward investors to the city. In the UK we have over 2,200 staff and offices in London, Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds and Edinburgh as well as Sheffield.

**“Sheffield is one of our most successful exporters of senior talent to other parts of the firm.”**

Sir Nigel Knowles, Global CEO

The Sheffield office is located in the premier office location in the city and employs over 300 people. Sheffield is one of our most profitable offices with high staff retention rates.

It is also home to DLA Piper's European Finance shared service centre.

DLA Piper seeks to attract the best lawyers in the UK. To do that we select the best locations and work hard to ensure we have close links with universities. Sheffield has two excellent universities and we regularly take their graduates onto our training programme.

Career progression opportunities in DLA Piper are excellent. We have a number of senior lawyers who have been with us since their training contracts. Sir Nigel Knowles, Group CEO, started as trainee in Sheffield, and in 1985 Richard May joined as a trainee solicitor.

**“Creative Sheffield has proved helpful in DLA Piper's regional business development. Its support to the wider business community has helped build a positive and vibrant city in which to do business.”**

Richard May, Office Managing Partner

Sheffield offers us the winning formula of a great business community in which to work, plus a fantastic quality of life, with the Peak District 15 minutes from our door. Plus, London and other key commercial destinations are easily accessible for business when we need them to be.



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**"Sheffield is a lively city with something for everyone. This, together with great career opportunities and its proximity to some fantastic countryside, means it's a great proposition for our staff.**

**The positive experiences of our employees are reflected through the long standing high retention rates of staff in Sheffield."**

*Richard May, Office Managing Partner, Sheffield*