

## The complete legal solution for the agricultural sector

**When dealing with the breadth of legal issues that can arise in the farming and agriculture industry, you need a law firm with both the industry experience and local knowledge to provide a comprehensive service.**

Specialising in all areas of agricultural law, Hill Dickinson's farming and agriculture team comprises legal experts from across our business, dedicated to dealing with all of your legal needs - from inheritance tax and probate to alternative energy and equine law. This means that you can focus on farming and agriculture, whilst saving time, effort and money by using one full service legal provider. Hill Dickinson is an award-winning national law firm with regional expertise.

### Our range of services includes:

- Alternative energy
- Boundary disputes
- Contentious probate and contested estates
- Environmental issues
- Equine law
- Income tax, capital gains tax (CGT) and VAT
- Inheritance tax and estate planning
- Land and farm sales and purchases
- Partnership formation, dissolution and disputes
- Planning, development of agricultural land and overage agreements

Our lawyers are local people, with a global perspective. Operating from our Chester office, our farming and agriculture team has close connections with local and national land agents and surveyors. We also have extensive links across North Wales, with many of our team members based there.

As part of our service, we are pleased to offer initial advice and consultation in Welsh and prepare wills in Welsh if desired.

- Powers of Attorney and succession planning
- Rights of way and easements
- Sporting rights
- Tenancies and tenancy disputes
- Wills and probate



## Industry experts

Our team of experts maintain industry best practice, and includes members of:

- The Agricultural Law Association (ALA)
- The Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners
- The Chartered Institute of Taxation
- The Law Society Property and Probate Sections
- Solicitors for the Elderly

*“My family and I have been with Hill Dickinson and its incorporated firms in Chester for close on 100 years. We have always been very satisfied with the work they have done for us. If we hadn't been we would have moved! They have always been there for us over all that time.”*

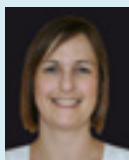
Alvanley farmer

## Track record

- Advising and working with surveyors, planning consultants and auctioneers to successfully split an established family farm into lots, some with development potential, to achieve the best result at auction. We used our technical expertise to identify and quantify the appropriate cost figures to maximise reductions for CGT, including private residence exemption for periods of occupation by adult children. We prepared each complex CGT computation (24 in all) for filing with HM Revenue and Customs; and the family were delighted that HM Revenue and Customs accepted the computations without challenge.
- Dealing with a complex family dispute relating to the division of a substantial farm, following the death of the sole farmer. We advised in relation to entitlements, negotiating and implementing the terms of an agreed variation of the inheritance.
- Advising in relation to the administration of a large farming estate worth over £1 million, including the division of land between surviving family members, negotiation with HM Revenue and Customs in relation to considerable inheritance tax liabilities, and completion of a deed of variation to implement a tax efficient trust structure for the future.
- Providing initial advice on tax and other implications for a client considering erecting their own wind turbines to sell power to the National Grid.
- Advising a commercial farmer on an option agreement, to result in a multimillion pound sale of development land.

Hill Dickinson is ranked Band 1 for agriculture and estates in the *Legal 500 2010*

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