



gunnercooke

Equine Law



# About gunnercooke

gunnercooke is an award-winning full service law firm, founded in 2010, to challenge, improve and evolve the way that legal services are delivered. At present, we are more than 200 expert partners, operating nationally and internationally via offices and hubs. As of November 2018, we were delighted to be named Large Law Firm of the Year at The Law Society Excellence awards, in recognition of the services we deliver to our clients.

Our business was established following conversations with business leaders; CEOs, Finance Directors and Heads of Legal, who were disappointed with the legal services they were receiving from commercial law firms.

We continue to evolve and support creativity and innovation in our delivery, though the key principles of our model remain unchanged:

**Services delivered solely via senior lawyers.** Every Partner has a minimum 10,000 hours practising experience – they can truly call themselves ‘experts’.

**Certainty of pricing.** We provide certainty and transparency over the cost of our services, wherever possible providing fixed fee quotes that once agreed, will not change.

**Business focused advisors.** gunnercooke lawyers advise with authority. Many of our lawyers have spent time in business, learning first-hand how to work to a financial budget, and the way that legal decisions impact the wider organisation.

## An Award-Winning Firm



Business Culture  
Awards 2019  
Overall Winner







Jodie Seddon

## Our Equine Law Experts



### Jodie Seddon, Partner

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Jodie is a corporate and commercial lawyer with broad experience of corporate finance, commercial contracts, compliance and financial services regulatory practice gained in senior roles both in house and in private practice. Since leaving the city she has also developed an equestrian career, competing internationally in eventing and showjumping, and her extensive knowledge of both the sport horse industry and the law combines to provide sound commercial advice for a wide range of equestrian clients, from businesses to professional riders and trainers.



### Sophie Murgatroyd, Associate

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Sophie grew up on a farm in the Yorkshire Dales. Sophie is a keen equestrian and has taken part in various showjumping and cross-country events. Sophie then transferred her passion for the equine community to her work, where she began specialising in Equine disputes. Her professional manner together with her love of horses makes her the perfect choice in this field.

# Our work in Equine Law includes:

## Disputes

- Dispute resolution
- Contract disputes
- Buying and Selling
- Misrepresentation
- Breach of Contract
- Professional Negligence e.g. against vets, trainers, farriers etc

## Commercial

- Co-ownership and syndicate agreements
- Loan & lease agreements
- Sponsorship agreements
- Training agreements
- Professional rider agreements
- Employment contracts and related issues
- Stud Agreements
- Business structure and commercial agreements

# Who we work with:

## Available for different members of the equine community including:

- Individuals/ horse owners
- Livery owners/ riding schools
- Tack/ equipment providers
- Professional riders
- Landowners
- Veterinary practices
- Breeders and trainers
- Yard owners
- Brand managers
- PR agencies
- Equestrian business owners
- Governing bodies



Sophie Murgatroyd

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Having been recommended to Sophie, I was not let down, and find her no nonsense approach very refreshing. The whole process was very professional and could contact Sophie as many times as I needed, which was very reassuring. We went on to get a very positive result to a drawn-out litigation, I only wished I had contacted Sophie earlier. She is definitely my go to litigation solicitor.”

3 July 2019

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Jodie provides prompt, well-informed commercial advice on all aspects of our UK operations, from employee matters to sponsorship deals, and more recently has guided us through the COVID-19 pandemic with clarity and confidence. Her knowledge of the equestrian industry combined with her impeccable legal credentials make her an invaluable asset to the Voltaire Design business.”

**Matthew Tarrant, General Manager, UK & Ireland, Voltaire Design**

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Sophie has been fantastic with us, a claim was made against us from selling our horse Sophie has managed to get the claimant to settle. Highly recommend would not go anywhere else. Always kept us updated and informed us of anything we needed to know. Thanks again Sophie for all your hard work and time spent with us.”

**D. Shepherd**

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Jodie has been an essential part of my business team. I needed a variety of different contracts written and T&Cs made watertight and she has always done a very thorough job. She thinks of things I wouldn't and that's why I'm thrilled to have such an expert on hand to make sure I'm covered. I'm hoping Jodie continues to be an essential part of our team in the future too.”

**Jenni Winter, Master Mindset Coach at Flying Changes Coaching**

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