Stephen Hopkins

Stephen Hopkins graduated from Sheffield University in 1981 and joined Eversheds in 1988. Stephen initially undertook insolvency work and was a licensed insolvency practitioner. He then switched to banking work. Stephen became a partner with Eversheds in 1991. After a few years in banking he realized that corporate finance was more glamorous and became a corporate partner doing a huge amount of management buyout work in the early and mid 1990's. In May 2000 Stephen was appointed head of corporate team in Leeds and Manchester. As from July 2007 Stephen is the Senior Office Partner for Leeds.

Amongst his achievements, Stephen counts the raising of Eversheds' profile in the CSR field by involving them in the "Cares" movement across the country, which started in Leeds some 6 or 7 years ago. He also led the crusade for Eversheds to adopt fundamental project management principles, which are now being rolled out across the firm.

Stephen has led the firm's food sector for a number of years and is now helping the leaders of the energy, financial services, telecoms and retail sectors in ensuring Eversheds has a market leading profile and reputation in those sectors too.

Stephen is seen as a strong coach within the business, working with a number of senior partners. He plays a significant role in determining the strategy as regards coaching and creating part of the firm's vision "to be a great place to work".