

## Minerals



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**They have wide-ranging and relevant experience to help clients...They are able to respond quickly to the required challenge.**

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- Chambers 2016

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## Commerciality

Doing the legal work for mineral options and leases is about balance. At Farrer & Co we never lose sight of the need to get the deal done, without fuss, so that the rent and royalties start flowing. Our whole approach is geared to driving transactions forward. We do not look for problems where they do not exist. Nevertheless, commerciality must be balanced with attention to other factors, such as the long term interests of the landowner, in terms of restoration and aftercare, and also nuisance, pollution and other local sensitivities.

## Expertise

Commerciality must also be backed up with the relevant expertise. Mineral transactions often require difficult farm surrenders or complicated section 106 agreements. Minerals law itself is a niche area. We have market-leading knowledge of the complex issues surrounding mineral ownerships deriving from inclosure acts, ex-copyhold land or sales under the Land Taxes Acts. We advise many of the country's major landowners on these issues and are at the forefront of bringing this expertise to bear on questions of mineral trespass.

## Delivery

Many firms will only have one or two solicitors with mineral expertise; we have a team of 5 partners and as many or more assistants familiar with minerals work. This means work can be allocated at the correct level, to those with time to dedicate to it, so it is done cost-effectively and quickly (and we will always look to the third party to pay the costs where possible).



## What we do

- Option and lease for the UK's only tungsten mine in Devon, including complicated profit sharing arrangements for landowners, international funding complexities and major restoration obligations.
- Lease of the country's only Gypsum mine, involving issues of historic workings, fragmented mineral ownership and surface rights for boreholes.
- 40 year lease for a limestone quarry in Lincolnshire with a separate third party surface owner and a certain rent of £500,000.
- Successfully combating objections to manorial mineral registration applications at the First Tier Tribunal.
- Advising on liability for personal injury arising from historic workings.

“ Knowledgeable, pragmatic and helpful – they provide peace of mind in this specialist area of the law. ”

-Independent Mineral Agent

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