

### Leading Law firm re-appoint Jonathan Brew as Senior Partner

Leading Worcestershire and West Midlands law firm, Harrison Clark LLP, has recently re-appointed Jonathan Brew as its Senior Partner.

The firm which has offices in Worcester and Birmingham has seen rapid expansion over the past few years and now has the biggest Family Law Department in the West Midlands. The firm's Family Law, Private Client and Business Services Teams are also recommended in the prestigious Legal 500 and Chambers directories and the practice has made several high calibre appointments in recent months.

Jonathan, who studied law at Coventry University and Lancaster Gate in London, joined Harrison Clark in June 1983 taking over from the late Judge Eric Dickinson as a salaried partner in the Family Law Department. He became an equity partner in November 1985 and was appointed Senior Partner in 2002. Having already completed a five-year stint in the role he will now continue on for another five years making him one of the longest serving partners in the position.

Jonathan heads up a team of 18 lawyers in the Family Law Department and he is a member of Resolution, the Family Law Panel and the Law Society. He is a trained mediator and was a Deputy District Judge for 4 years.

Commenting on his re-appointment Jonathan said,

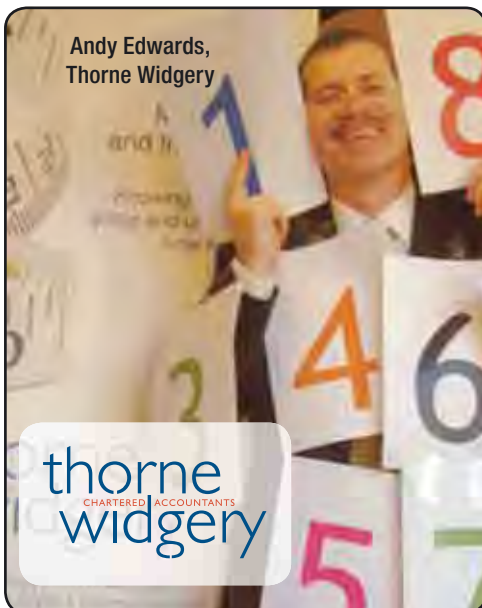
**harrison clark** "I am honoured and delighted to be once again taking up the position of senior partner at Harrison Clark. I am looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead in the next 5 years and hope to see to the firm further develop and grow as we strive to exceed the expectations of our clients."

Jonathan lives 7 miles west of Worcester and is married with one 17 year old son who is also studying law and hopes to continue in his father's footsteps. [www.harrison-clark.co.uk](http://www.harrison-clark.co.uk)



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## 'Prepare for take off' – Thorne Widgery launch The Numbers

Inspired by this extract from a recent publication by The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

"Every aircraft in the world would be grounded if air traffic control relied on the same type of system as companies use to report their information ...."

Thorne Widgery, as a consequence of our ongoing commitment to our adding value strategy in partnership with AVN, launches The Numbers, an 8 step best-practice process based on what the UK's most successful businesses do every single year.

Andy Edwards, Business Development

Specialist at Thorne Widgery explains:

"We have worked very closely with our partners at AVN and are very excited to be offering what we feel is a new approach for our clients to help them make their businesses even more successful. The 8-step process is aimed at understanding and measuring events that are important for our clients' business. More simplistically, what get's measured, get's done".

Anyone wanting to find out more about The Numbers should call Andy Edwards on 01432 276 393 or email him at [Andy@thornewidgery.co.uk](mailto:Andy@thornewidgery.co.uk). [www.thornewidgery.co.uk](http://www.thornewidgery.co.uk)

### Wragge & Co acts on €25 million cross-border investment fund note issue

Wragge & Co LLP Banking and Finance team has acted on a €25 million multi-jurisdictional note issue for new client Orey Group. The issue, made by way of a private placement, allows investors to indirectly invest in a Brazilian fund run by Orey Financial Brasil.

The team advised the issuer, Orey 7 B.V., and the arranger, Orey Management (Cayman) Limited, on structuring and implementing the transaction. Orey 7 B.V. is a special purpose vehicle set up in the Netherlands by Portuguese fund manager Orey Gestão de Activos.

Director Edward Sunderland led the deal for Wragge & Co, with assistance from banking specialist Ed Hall and tax associate Zoe Hooper-Smith. They worked jointly with partner Filipe Marques at Portuguese firm Morais Leitão, Galvão Teles, Soares da Silva & Associados. Rogério Celeiro from Orey Group worked alongside the team. Nauta Dutilh advised on Dutch law issues

and Mattos Filho, Veiga Filho, Marrey Jr. e Quiroga Advogados advised on Brazilian law issues. Allen & Overy advised Deutsche Trustee Company Limited as trustee and Deutsche Bank AG as the account bank.

Edward Sunderland said: "This was a challenging transaction which involved working with a number of our "best friend" law firms in creating a suitable structure to address the legal, accounting and tax regimes in the UK, the Netherlands, Portugal and Brazil. It was our first instruction for the Orey Group, representing the team's growing reputation for handling complex cross-border structured finance transactions."

Rogério Celeiro of Orey commented: "We are delighted to be launching Orey 7 note issue. We hope that this note will facilitate further expansion of Orey Financial and will increase access to investments in Brazil. This first note issue is an important part of Orey's broader strategy aimed at bringing Brazilian capital markets to European investors." [www.wragge.com](http://www.wragge.com)

### Take on Technology

Each issue, Chamber patron Cantono takes a look at a key technical issue of interest to readers.

#### Is the train your office?

Whilst the railways came to Herefordshire and Worcestershire over 150 years ago, the way they fit into our business lives has changed beyond recognition. Increasingly, people use the train as part of their office – leaving early from work to get a seat, or later in the morning for the same reason – and using the time to catch up on with work.

While all the talk may be of Blackberrys, the humble laptop has become the commuter's workhorse – they are better for writing reports, producing presentations and replying to emails. Everything is fine until either:

- the laptop is left behind or stolen
- someone douses it with coffee

Laptops can be replaced but the data cannot. Research shows that 30% of companies' data is held on laptops and that most of this is not backed-up. Whereas in the past this may have been a small inconvenience, today it is likely to

have a major impact as more company data is at risk.

We have all read of stolen laptops carrying sensitive information. Apart from the embarrassment, this can also breach compliancy regulations. Recently another fine was imposed on a FTSE100 company for failing to protect the data on its laptops properly.

#### Cantono recommends that:

- data from laptops be backed up automatically when the PC is logged into the network
- Cantono has systems which do this in a couple of minutes with no discernible impact on performance.
- the data be encrypted so that it cannot be easily read by thieves.

That way you can type and mail away, safe in the knowledge that your company secrets won't end up in the lap of a stranger in Droitwich Spa.

If you would like to know more about improving laptop security, please contact Cantono at [info@cantono.com](mailto:info@cantono.com), or by calling 020 7653 9000. [www.cantono.com](http://www.cantono.com)

### Whitefoot-Forward has a brush with L.G.Harris

L.G. Harris, one of the world's leading manufacturers of paint brushes and decorating products, has appointed business storage specialists Whitefoot-Forward to store part of its stock.

Having received advance brush stocks from its manufacturers in Asia ahead of the Chinese New Year holiday, L.G.Harris had almost three months' worth of additional stock to store. The available space at L.G.Harris' main depot quickly diminished and a new storage solution was sought – with Whitefoot Forward happy to manage the overflow.

Almost 1,000 pallets of brushes and decorating products have already arrived at Whitefoot Forward's Shenstone storage facility, with more en route. The additional stock means that Whitefoot-Forward now stores around 4,500 pallets for a range of customers, with a throughput of around 500 pallets per month, less than 18 months after introducing the service.

Founded in 1928, Stoke Prior-based L.G.Harris supplies millions of decorators around the world. The company has more than a thousand products and has tripled its turnover in the last decade, reaching £40m for 2006/2007.

Dean Price, team leader in despatch at L.G.Harris, explains: "As our depot reached capacity we knew we needed a quick and effective solution. We had heard about Whitefoot Forward through a mutual contact and were pleased when they had the flexibility to provide the service and space within the limited time frame."

Whitefoot-Forward's award-winning services include records management and archive storage, containerised storage and distribution services. For further information contact Michael Whitefoot on 01299 250566. [www.whitefoot-forward.co.uk](http://www.whitefoot-forward.co.uk)



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