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### **KEY SERVICES**

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### **EXPERIENCE**

Sheamal has over 10 years' experience advising corporates and trustees on all aspects of pensions law.

His areas of expertise include advising on scheme mergers and scheme closures.

Sheamal also has experience advising on the pensions aspects of corporate transactions, including management of s.75 debts, liabilities transferring under TUPE and exposure under the powers of the UK Pensions Regulator.

Sheamal is a full member of the Association of Pension Lawyers and a member of the Investment and Defined Contribution Sub-Committee of the Association of Pension Lawyers.

Sheamal's experience includes advising:

- a sponsoring employer in the aerospace sector on the closure of its £1.2bn defined benefit pension scheme to future accrual\*
- the trustees of a mid-sized defined benefit pension scheme on age discrimination compliance aspects and the sponsor's proposals for implementing a scheme closure\*
- a private equity investor on the pensions aspects of an auction bid for a large UK housing developer including negotiations with the trustees of the UK defined benefit scheme\*

*\*Experience gained prior to working at Herbert Smith Freehills.*