

# Conveyancing first for Newsome Vaughan LLP



*Pictured above: Louise Drew*

Law firm Newsome Vaughan has become one of the first in Coventry and Warwickshire to be fully accredited under the Law Society's Conveyancing Quality Scheme.

The new standard, endorsed by other bodies including the Council of Mortgage Lenders, the Building Societies Association and the Association of British Insurers, applies to domestic homes and only firms that meet set standards can qualify.

The CQS scheme requires law practices to undergo strict assessment, training, audits and annual reviews in order to continue to inspire confidence in clients, lenders and the general public.

Successful applicants have to demonstrate the highest levels of financial probity, good practice management and financial and risk procedures. This includes the requirement to keep the client fully informed of progress as the transaction progresses.

They must adhere to prudent and efficient residential conveyancing procedures through the New Transaction Conveyancing Protocol and implement a robust monitoring and enforcement procedure. A client service charter sets out exactly what users can expect from their solicitors.

Achievement of membership establishes a greater level of credibility for members with stakeholders including regulators, lenders, insurers and clients.

Louise Drew, head of Property at Newsome Vaughan, said: "We are delighted to receive this recognition and to lay down a marker in Coventry and Warwickshire. It sets out the standards that clients can expect of us and any other firm with the CQS standard. It also demonstrates the value of coming to a firm of solicitors in an area of the law that is becoming increasingly commoditised."

*In addition to its residential conveyancing practice, Newsome Vaughan acts on behalf of a host of housing associations.*