

## Law Firms Agree Merger Terms

Regional Law Firm Wilson Browne LLP has agreed merger terms with long established law firm Smith Chamberlain Solicitors in Wellingborough.

Smith Chamberlain Solicitors was founded in 1930 by P. R. E. Smith. Russell Chamberlain joined in the late 1930s and the firm became known by the name Smith Chamberlain in 1963. During this time the firm has served clients across the County and acted for generations of families providing advice in family law, conveyancing, wills and probate work as well as commercial law and litigation. Smith Chamberlain Partner Helen York will join Wilson Browne as a Partner and continue to deal with family law from the firm's Wellingborough Office.

Commenting on the transfer of the clients, Chairman of the Board at Wilson Browne LLP, Richard Arnold, said "We are extremely pleased to have the opportunity to work with these new clients. Helen York and her colleagues have gone to great lengths to ensure that their clients receive a personal service and advice at the very highest level. We intend to continue with that and will be working hard to ensure that clients of Smith Chamberlain enjoy a seamless transition as the two firms join forces."

Wilson Browne, which has five offices in the County, will continue to act for

most clients from its existing office in Wellingborough – just two doors along from the current offices of Smith Chamberlain.

Confirming why Smith Chamberlain had chosen to merge with Wilson Browne Partner Helen York said "We have always held client service to be the most important part of the service we provide and having matched that with high quality legal expertise we have been keen to ensure that our clients will be treated in the same way following the merger. By joining forces we all feel that we can offer clients an even better service across a wide range of legal advice. In Wilson Browne we think that we have found a firm with the same ethos as us in believing that client satisfaction is key."

Wilson Browne LLP and Smith Chamberlain merge with effect from 1 February 2010.



Pictured above from left to right – Helen York, Richard Arnold & Jim Kearns