

Browne Jacobson's Mark Blois named in 'Disability Power 100'

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Browne Jacobson's National Head of Education [Mark Blois](#) has been named in the 'Disability Power 100' for 2021.

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Mark, who this year marks 25 years as an education lawyer, heads up one of the UK's leading education law teams and is ranked as one of the country's foremost experts in his field by leading independent legal directories Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners UK.

Under his leadership, his 70-strong team provide legal and HR support to over 1300 education clients nationally every year. He has recently completed ten years as the Chair of the L.E.A.D Academy Trust, a 25 academy trust educating over 10,500 pupils, and was also recently appointed as a 'National Leader of Governance' by the Department for Education, the only lawyer to have been so designated.

Mark also seeks to advocate for equal opportunities for those wishing to pursue a career in the law through his role as a committee member of the Law Society's Lawyers with Disabilities Division and as a Trustee of the National Association of Special Educational Needs he is supporting and promoting the development of children & young people with special educational needs and disabilities in educational settings.

Mark Blois, said:

"When I look back over the last 25 years there have been many highs but to be included in this year's Disability Power 100 is a particularly proud moment.

"It is an honour to be named alongside such an incredible list of individuals who are encouraging and inspiring the young and talented leaders of tomorrow and allowing them to see that aspiration and ambition can be fulfilled regardless of disability or impairment."

"My personal journey living with Cystic Fibrosis, like the journeys of so many others on the list, hasn't been without its challenges but I have been fortunate to work for a firm such as Browne Jacobson who are genuinely committed to diversity and inclusion and I am grateful for the support I have received during my career from allies who have wanted me to succeed."

Shaw Trust CEO, Chris Luck added:

"Every year the Shaw Trust 'Disability Power 100' reaches and influences more people, but we know there is still much to do to create a fairer and inclusive society. The 'Disability Power 100' focuses on ability, not disability, by promoting and recognising outstanding achievement. We hope the finalists will influence and advocate for a future where accessibility is the norm, not the exception, and as role models give confidence and guidance to those beginning or on their own journey."

The full Shaw Trust 'Disability Power List 100' can be found on www.disabilitypower100.com.

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