

# **The Honorary Graduate: David Pester**

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## **David Pester is to be awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Business Administration**

David has been managing partner at law firm TLT since 2002 and is one of the longest serving managing partners in the UK legal sector.

Under David's leadership, TLT has grown rapidly from its Bristol roots to become a 1000 strong, seven site, multi-jurisdictional legal business.

Recognised as one of the fastest growing UK law firms, TLT now supports major institutions, high growth businesses and well-known brands on their strategic and day-to-day legal needs.

David is an active member of the south west business community as a board member of the Local Enterprise Partnership and an elected council member of the South West CBI. He is also chair of award-winning animation studio Aardman's Employee Ownership Trust, which was set up in 2018.

David was recently made a member of the Law Management Section Committee of the Law Society of England & Wales is, a governor at Bristol Grammar School and was governor of Bath Spa University until 2018.

Prior to his managing partner role, David was a corporate finance lawyer advising private and public companies on mergers, acquisitions, financing, disposals, IPOs and flotations. He qualified as a lawyer in 1989 at TLT legacy firm Lawrence Tucketts having studied politics and modern history at Manchester University and the CPE at Guildford College of Law.

The Honorary Degree is awarded in recognition of David's services to leadership in business and the future of the legal profession.