



## Solicitors' Office for Healds, Wigan

The original entrance was into a lobby with a staircase leading to all the offices. The clients acquired the adjoining property, and decided to increase upstairs office space and to create a more welcoming main entrance, with reception/ waiting area. The original entrance, although requiring refurbishment, was to be played down (all signage removed) and only used as an emergency exit.

The design for the new facade was to be compatible with the modifications to be made to the original adjoining facade, using York Stone cladding panels and large areas of glazing, part sandblasted. In creating this, two spiral and fluted cast iron columns were discovered, one to either side of the front elevation. It was decided to expose these and to paint them to match the new window frames. A focal point on entry is the reception desk, specially designed in textured steel, ash and York Stone.