

RAIL

CONNECTING GLOBAL AND LOCAL RAIL EXPERTISE WITH MARKET LEADING INSIGHT

As population growth and urbanisation continue, both metropolitan and regional cities require greater connectivity and infrastructure to support societal and economic demands. Metros, light rail, conventional and high speed rail each play a pivotal role in connecting people and transporting goods, often in the most environmentally friendly way.

Our multi-disciplinary team of world-leading rail specialists and regional experts provide practical legal advice based on a deep and thorough knowledge of the rail sector. We work alongside our clients and, as part of their team, enable them to achieve their objectives whether it be:

- investing in a train operator or infrastructure owner
- the successful funding or delivery of a rail project
- a station development or other redevelopment scheme associated with a rail project
- the operation, maintenance or renewal of existing rail infrastructure such as signalling and communication systems
- procuring or leasing rolling stock
- dealing with environmental, health and safety issues or other operational issues
- navigating complex regulatory frameworks or
- commercial arrangements such as passenger rail franchises

Our understanding of the complexities and nuances of the rail sector means that we are ideally placed to advise clients if disputes arise. Our rail team includes dedicated rail disputes experts who understand the specific industry dispute resolution arrangements and who have leading expertise in all forms of dispute resolution including litigation, arbitration and adjudication.

By acting for clients on some of the world's largest rail projects, M&A deals and commercial transactions, we are at the forefront of understanding legal and industry developments.

We advise project sponsors, train operating companies, governmental bodies and regulators, infrastructure funds and other investors in the rail sector, rolling stock leasing companies, infrastructure owners and developers and public and private sector funders. This experience gives us a unique insight and understanding that allows us to develop innovative solutions and meet our clients' objectives.

RECENT EXPERIENCE

€800 MILLION EUROPEAN RAIL PROJECT ARBITRATION

Advising a member of a consortium of international contractors in relation to an ICC arbitration against the employer in respect of the early termination of a €800 million construction contract for a high profile European rail project

HIGH SPEED 1 RAILWAY

Advising London & Continental Railways on all aspects of the development, financing and operation of High Speed 1 railway in the UK

EAST COAST PASSENGER RAIL FRANCHISE

Advising Inter City Railways Ltd, a joint venture between the Stagecoach and Virgin groups, on their successful £3.3 billion bid for the Inter City East Coast passenger rail franchise in the UK

HARAMAIN HIGH SPEED RAILWAY PROJECT

Advising the Al Shoula consortium on all legal aspects of the construction and operation of the project linking the two holy cities of Makkah and Madinah in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from the commencement of the bidding process through all the project's milestones

KAZAN HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT

Advising a consortium of investors on the construction of a High Speed Rail Project between Moscow and Kazan (High Speed Rail Line 2 project)

HIGH SPEED 2 RAILWAY - THE MOST SIGNIFICANT RAILWAY PROJECT IN THE UK AND EUROPE

Advising High Speed 2 Limited on the procurement of the infrastructure, rail systems and rolling stock for the new HS2 railway, with the project having an estimated value of £45 billion

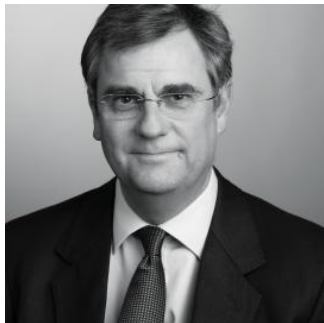
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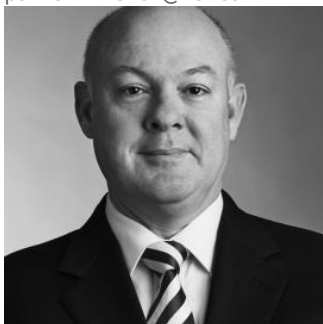
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