

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

NAVIGATING THE LEGAL COMPLEXITIES OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT LAWS

Our global team provides cross-border and domestic advice to clients on public procurement and competitive tendering rules, in a contentious and non-contentious context.

Public procurement law is an increasingly important field of regulation. A series of prescriptive regulations regulate the way in which public authorities and utilities award valuable contracts for works, supplies and services in a range of jurisdictions.

We have a leading public procurement practice. Our clients include government departments, public bodies and utilities, as well as suppliers and contractors which bid for public and utility contracts.

Our broad experience means we are well-placed to advise across the full spectrum of procurement law issues. Much of our work involves advice on non-contentious matters, such as the procurement of major projects and contracts in a range of sectors including aviation, consumer products, defence, energy, infrastructure, pharma, real estate, transport and information technology. We advise our clients on all stages of the procurement process, from initial design through to contract award and performance.

Procurement litigation is on the rise and the potential sanctions for non-compliance are severe. In a non-contentious context we draw on our extensive experience of litigation in order to help our clients to avoid disputes as far as possible in the course of such projects. However, where a tender process is contested, we have the expertise to work with our clients to successfully challenge the award decision or to defend the procuring authority.

Our team includes Adrian Brown, who is recognised as a leading European expert on procurement law, having advised, written and spoken widely on the subject for over 25 years. Adrian is Assistant Editor and a regular contributor to the *Public Procurement Law Review*.

RECENT EXPERIENCE

HIGH SPEED TWO (HS2) LIMITED

Advising on various procurement procedures for the major project to construct the High Speed 2 railway line in England, including the contracts for enabling works, main civil works, station design services and rolling stock. On the contentious side, we defended a substantial claim brought by a disappointed bidder relating to the rolling stock procurement

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

Advising on the procurement of the multi-party framework agreement, known as London Development Panel 2, for selecting developers to undertake major housing projects in London

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Advising on several large IT procurement projects

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON / LONDON UNDERGROUND LTD

Advising on procurement issues relating to Railway Control Systems, mobile telecommunications, network upgrade works (e.g. Northern Line Extension) and a number of over-station developments (including Paddington Square and Southwark)

TURNER & TOWNSEND

Advising in a claim against a Government agency alleging that it had breached procurement regulations in its conduct of the tender process for project and costs management framework agreements

CAVENDISH FLUOR PARTNERSHIP

As the successful bidder in relation to a procurement challenge brought by EnergySolutions against the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

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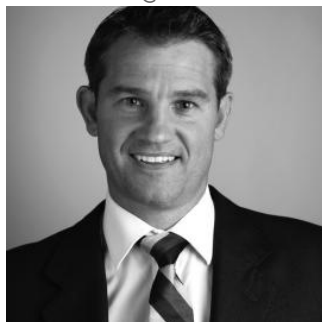


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