

# CLIMATE CHANGE

## THE TRANSITION TO A LOWER CARBON FUTURE

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Climate change is an issue of global economic, political, and legal importance to governments, businesses and citizens of the world.

The effects of and accountability for climate change are not uniform across the world, with states and regions dealing with different types of threats, contributing to a fragmented coverage of climate and environmental law. In addition, climate change-related litigation against governments and industry is an emerging trend in a growing number of jurisdictions.

We help our clients navigate this increasingly complex landscape by taking a holistic approach, combining our in-depth knowledge of global political agendas and trends, myriad of international and national laws and sector expertise to advise on compliance and risk mitigation strategies, and to counsel and defend clients in litigation and in contentious and non-contentious regulatory proceedings.

Our global climate change practice supports clients across the full range of regulatory, transactional, project and contentious legal issues.

To help businesses and policy makers alike, our multi-disciplinary team specialises in:

- Environment-related reporting and disclosures
- Dispute resolution, including class actions
- Regulatory investigations and compliance
- Project development and implementation
- Emission trading regimes and carbon storage

- Shareholder activism
- Director's duties and liability
- Development of national climate legislation
- Business and human rights
- [ESG policies](#)

We take pride in our long-standing commitment to promote sustainability and economic growth – supporting an innovative and low carbon future.

### **CLIMATE CHANGE NOTES**

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## **RECENT EXPERIENCE**

### **CHINA LIGHT AND POWER**

Advising in relation to the design of a regional emission trading scheme in the Hong-Kong/Guang- Dong region

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### **A CONFIDENTIAL CLIENT**

Advising in relation to potential challenges to the EPD's (Environmental Protection Department of the Hong Kong Government's) approach to determining emission allowances under the Air Pollution Control Ordinance

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### **A JAPANESE COMPANY**

Advising in relation to its climate change and carbon credit strategy generally and in relation to a number of AAU sale and purchase agreements with Eastern European governments and energy sector companies

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### **A CLIENT IN CHINA**

Advising on the sequestration by afforestation to obtain carbon credits, on opportunities to use the CDM mechanism for a conversion project and related advice on the Kyoto Protocol

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### **A CONFIDENTIAL CLIENT**

In relation to the climate change investigation by the Philippines Human Rights Commission

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### **A CONFIDENTIAL OIL AND GAS COMPANY**

In relation their climate change strategy

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